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White House top aide will quit on Friday

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Donald Regan, the embattled White House Chief of Staff, will resign on Friday, one day after the publication of the Tower Report on the Iran scandal.

He will be replaced by Mr Drew Lewis, a former Transport Secretary and once President Reagan's envoy to acid rain talks with Canada.

Administration sources, predicting these changes to *The Times*, said Mr Regan's departure had already been arranged, although both he and the President have insisted publicly it is up to the other to decide.

Mr Lewis, aged 55, is a successful Pennsylvania businessman with advanced degrees from Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been deeply involved in Republican politics, serving as chairman of the party's financial committee, and as deputy chairman of the national committee.

Last year he successfully recommended that the Reagan Administration, after years of stalling, spend $5 billion (£3.3 billion) on research to prevent acid rain which has soured American relations with Canada.

The fall of Mr Regan comes after further disclosures of White House attempts to cover up the investigation of the Iran affair led to a growing clamour for his departure. He is reported to be so afraid of questions about his position that he has prevented reporters attending photo-opportunity sessions with the President, and has limited all discussion at White House staff meetings.

Mr Regan's quarrel with Mrs Nancy Reagan over when her husband should resume full duties has astonished America. Many have seen this as a further damaging blow to the President himself, who has appeared incapable of settling a dispute between his wife and his most senior political adviser.

Mr Lewis: Successor as White House Chief of Staff.

Meanwhile, Mr Lawrence Walsh, the Iran special prosecutor, is considering charges of obstructing justice against some Administration officials. Ms Fawn Hall, secretary to Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North when he was at the National Security Council (NSC), has told investigators she helped to destroy a "mammoth" number of documents hours before his files were impounded on November 21.

Colonel North said at the weekend that he was "very pleased" she was helping the inquiry. He had assured former colleagues they had no need to lie: "They ought to tell the truth. My counsel advises that when the time and place are appropriate, I will do the same thing."

Colonel North has so far refused to testify to anyone on his role in the affair, invoking constitutional protection against self-incrimination.

President Reagan, asked about accusations of a cover-up, assured reporters at a formal dinner on Sunday for state Governors that "there was no cover-up on my part". He has not asked for, and will not receive, any advance copy of the Tower Report, which is expected to run to 200 pages.

The report on NSC operations, to be published on Thursday, is strongly critical of all those involved in the Iran affair, and is likely to cause deep embarrassment in the White House.

Mr Lewis was considered an efficient Secretary of Transport, a post he held from 1981 until 1983. His invitation to serve in the first Reagan Administration was surprising, as he had vigorously backed President Gerald Ford in his successful defeat of Governor Reagan's challenge to the incumbent for the 1976 Republican nomination.

But his loyalty to Mr Ford impressed Mr Reagan enough to invite him to be deputy director of his campaign four years later, deputy director of the transition team after the Reagan victory, and then into the Cabinet when the Administration took office.

INSIDE

£6m claims in Bradford City blaze

Claims for record damages of more than £6 million are expected to be launched within weeks by dependants of the 56 people who died in the Bradford City football stadium fire in May 1985.

At least 250 people are expected to lodge compensation claims after the High Court in Leeds yesterday judged the football club and West Yorkshire County Council liable **Page 3**

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Sterling rise

The pound rose strongly, adding to hopes of a one point cut in base rates around Budget day next month **Page 17**

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Wigan Athletic, who were drawn at home to Leeds United in the sixth round of the FA Cup, have been told they will not be allowed to stage the game because the police cannot guarantee to control the Leeds supporters **Page 40**

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Reagan envoys on Star Wars mission

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

President Reagan has signed an order deferring negotiations with Moscow on the Strategic Defence Initiative until Congress and the Nato allies are consulted about testing new technology for the Star Wars programme, Administration sources have said.

The temporary freeze will be in effect while Mr Paul Nitze and General Edward Rowney, two senior arms advisers, travel respectively to Europe and Asia to brief allied leaders next week. At insistence from the Pentagon, Mr Richard Perle, the Assistant Defence Secretary, will accompany Mr Nitze to Europe.

Mr Reagan's order, signed last week, instructs US arms negotiators not to discuss limits on defensive systems that would be more restrictive than the Administration's new interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

This is seen here as a clear indication that Mr Reagan has all but decided to adopt the more permissive interpretation of the treaty and go ahead with the new SDI tests that would not have been allowed under the old interpretation.

European leaders have deep qualms about such a move and have privately urged Washington not to change unilaterally its reading of the treaty.

Mr George Younger, the British Secretary of Defence, said here last week that while Whitehall recognized the right of Washington and Moscow to interpret an agreement between them, it would expect to have its views taken into account. Mr Reagan, however, is being urged to make a swift decision.

Moscow says a move to a new interpretation is tantamount to breaking the treaty.

Abortion case father fights on

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, will rule today in the Court of Appeal on an eleventh-hour attempt by a father-to-be to save the life of his unborn child.

The father, a student aged 23, failed yesterday in the High Court to obtain an order stopping his girl friend from going ahead with the abortion, due to take place on Thursday, and went immediately to the Court of Appeal.

Mr Gerard Wright, QC, for the student, said: "My client is here literally contesting for the life of his unborn child". He refused to make any concessions to enable the abortion to proceed while allowing the court to rule on the legal issues.

The foetus, which he maintained was 21 weeks and not 18 weeks as stated by the High Court judge in an earlier hearing, was capable of being alive, he said.

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"If you put it in the kind of dishes they have in hospitals, its limbs will be moving and its heart will be beating", he said. He agreed that such a foetus would suffer brain damage.

At the start of the hearing Sir John said, it was not satisfactory that they should consider matters of this importance against a deadline.

Doctors had issued a certificate stating that continuation of pregnancy posed a greater risk to her health than abortion. Mr Peter Sheridan, QC, for the mother, said that the area health authority had made clear they were not prepared to carry out the abortion without a decision from the Court of Appeal.

The appeal hearing was adjourned until today.

The wreckage of the American F-111 bomber yesterday on Newmarket Heath in Suffolk (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

US plane crashes in Suffolk

By Harvey Elliott and David Sapsted

Two young American Air Force officers ejected from their F-111 bomber as it disintegrated around them over Suffolk yesterday — and floated safely to the ground in a survival capsule.

The strike jet was returning to its base at Lakenheath from a practice bombing mission when it suddenly caught fire and spiralled out of control.

The pilot, Captain Scott E Lewis, immediately pulled an emergency handle triggering a small rocket which fired the entire cockpit section from the doomed aircraft.

A parachute then took over and dropped the module to the ground on Newmarket Heath.

Last night the USAF said that Captain Lewis and First Lieutenant Frank E Casella were recovering in hospital at RAF Lakenheath.

Survival capsule 2

The aircraft ploughed into the ground narrowly missing stable lads exercising horses and a boy playing in his back garden.

A 5ft chunk of burning wreckage landed less than a yard behind John Marsden.

The burning plane nosedived into the heath 25 yards from the home of his father Mr Clifford Marsden.

John, who was exercising the family labrador in the garden when he first saw the plane, said: "I thought I'd had it. I saw the plane coming towards me. I ran for the door like mad and then there was a huge crash."

Tiles were blown off the roof of the house, the walls were scorched, and a flying bolt shattered a dining room window.

A spokesman for the USAF said the unarmed plane had been on a routine training mission and was on its return approach to its home base, RAF Lakenheath, when an explosion occurred.

Since 1970 eight F-111s based at Lakenheath have crashed.

West Beirut occupation

Syrian troops prepared to stay for months

From Juan Carlos Gumucio and Robert Fisk, west Beirut

With a calculation that was intended to express its own military pride as well as to insult Israel, the Syrians yesterday deployed across west Beirut the very same army brigade that evacuated the city under the guns of the Israeli Army in 1982.

The Syrian 85th Brigade moved its men, tanks and artillery into all but four suburbs of the Muslim sector of the Lebanese capital, signalling the end of its own humiliation and the start of what is clearly going to be a very long occupation by the Syrian Army.

Just how many months — or years — this will be depends on both the prospects of a political settlement in Lebanon (about which none but fools will currently feel any optimism) and the stability of Syria itself. But the 4,000-strong army has arrived here equipped with enough armour, ammunition and encampment gear to take it through to next winter.

The Lebanese, who emerged onto their balconies yesterday to watch the Syrians passing by the lorry-load through their streets, appeared more concerned about the damage caused to their own neighbourhoods than by the long-term political implications of the Syrians' arrival. It was thus in 1976 when the last big Syrian army deployed across Beirut, but on that occasion, they were welcomed with the traditional greeting of rose-water and rice. Yesterday the Syrians smiled and the Lebanese watched without emotion: They, after all, had been through it all before.

For their part, the Syrians — kitted out in dark red camouflage uniforms and steel helmets — moved with great caution, automatic rifles pointing to the rooftops as they patrolled the heavily damaged Hamra Street.

They set up camp in the Sanaya Gardens, just across the street from the office of Mr Rashid Karami, the Prime Minister, and — unusually for so xenophobic a nation — encouraged photographers to take pictures of a Syrian truck adorned with signs proclaiming "I love Lebanon".

There were other, more ironic sights around the city. Syrian troops stood atop a dirt mound and stared at the crumpled ruins of a devastated factory near the airport: 241 US servicemen were killed there in a massive truck bomb explosion on October 23, 1983 — a suicide attack again the Marine headquarters which the US Government of the time laid partly at Syria's door.

The soldiers who gave victory signs from the tank turrets, however, were not immune from the residual violence of last week's savage fighting. There were reports last night that four Lebanese were killed during an exchange of fire as Syrian soldiers moved into the Ein al-Mreisse district.

In the Karakol Druze district, gunmen had been seen in civilian clothes, pistols tucked into the back of their trouser belts, despite the fact that Brigadier-General Ghazi Kenaan, the commander of the Syrian force, had warned that such displays would prompt his men to open fire.

Christian radio stations did their best to exaggerate opposition to the Syrian entry into west Beirut without referring to the very real welcome that the Christians themselves had given that earlier Syrian army back in 1976.

The stations claimed that "at least 10,000 troops" would be in full control of the Muslim sector of the city within a few days, an allegation that might have provoked laughter were it not for the fact that General Kenaan is quite capable of calling on just such a force if he does encounter real opposition here.

The real question this week, however, will be the degree to which Syria is determined to occupy those Shia Muslim districts currently controlled by the Hezbollah (Party of God) movement, which has judiciously stood aside from the past week's fighting.

Abdullah walkout

Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, the alleged leader of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction, walked out of a special non-jury terrorist court in Paris yesterday just two hours after it began to try him for murder, refusing to listen to "representatives of the Yankee executioner"

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Sizewell pledge by Labour

By Robin Oakley

If the Government approves the PWR nuclear power station at Sizewell and work begins before the election, the Labour Party will cancel the project on coming to office.

Mr Stan Orme, Labour's energy spokesman, made the announcement in the Commons debate yesterday on the Layfield report, which he said was out of date because it predated Chernobyl.

Mr Orme also claimed that the Cambridge Energy Research Group, on whose researches the inquiry report based its economic verdict, now believed no decisions could be made on the basis that nuclear power would be cheaper than coal.

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Uproar as 'Ivan' is identified

Jerusalem (Reuter) — Dozens of spectators in the war crimes court here clapped when Mr Pinchas Epstein, aged 62, pointed a finger at Mr John Demjanjuk and said: "That's him".

The presiding Judge, Justice Dov Levin, shouted in anger: "Quiet in the court. That will not recur. The public in an Israeli court may sit and listen but it cannot react."

Mr Epstein was the first of eight survivors of the Nazi death camp of Treblinka to testify at the trial of the 66-year-old retired car worker from Cleveland, Ohio, accused of being the man who operated the camp's gas chambers killing 870,000 Jews.

The defence team is not denying the charges against "Ivan the Terrible", but is claiming their client is not that man. **Full report, page 8**

Begun is free and vows to fight on

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Shaven-headed and still wearing the sombre uniform of the Gulag, a defiant Mr Iosif Begun, the Soviet Union's best-known Jewish dissident, returned to Moscow yesterday and vowed to resume the struggle for Jewish rights which has already cost him two terms of exile and a prison sentence.

"My release is only the first step. All political prisoners, all prisoners of Zion, should now be released," he declared on arrival. "I am going to continue my activity for the rights of my people. The right to be a Jew in this country, to speak our language, learn our own history and to be free to immigrate to Israel.

"I did not sign any piece of paper," Mr Begun told the scores of Western newsmen as he was showered with flowers and kisses. "I was not guilty and I am not guilty. I did not violate any Soviet laws. I very much hope that the democratization process now being introduced by Mr Gorbachov will include the restoration of natural rights for Soviet Jews."

Despite having been on hunger strike from February 9 until his release last Friday from the notorious Chistopol jail 500 miles east of Moscow, Mr Begun — who has been a prisoner since 1983 — looked remarkably fit. He was flanked throughout the 45-minute welcoming ceremony by his wife, Inna, and son, Boris.

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"The conditions in the jail were terrible, inhuman and we were often thrown into a punishment cell without reason," Mr Begun explained, speaking a mixture of Russian and English. "Some of the time we were fed black bread with no butter and soup with no meat in it. During my time in prison I went on hunger strike many times. I cannot immediately remember how many."

Once a promising mathematician with the state planning authority, Mr Begun lost his job after applying to leave for Israel in 1971.

Mr Begun served more than three years of a seven-year term which was to have be followed by another five in internal exile on charges of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda.

His triumphal return to his home coincided with a controversial ceremony at the British Embassy to present British parliamentary awards to a number of leading refuseniks judged, over recent years, to have done the most to help secure the liberation of Soviet Jews.

News from the past in the Great Paper War

By Brian James

Britain's newest newspaper, the *London Daily News*, was launched at dusk last night with a thunderous display of fireworks and lasers over the Thames. Those who found the event reminiscent of El Alamein are perceptive, for this was the outbreak of the "Great Newspaper War".

Associated Newspapers, under threat from an outflanking movement by Mr Robert Maxwell who will today introduce his new £25 million 24-hour newspaper to challenge their own *London Evening Standard*, hit back by summoning up battalions of the once dead.

They announced that as from 3pm today the *Evening News* will be on sale, although that newspaper officially ceased publication in October 1980. We have been planning this relaunch for some time, said Associated more or less straight-faced.

Evening News
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DAILY NEWS
GOLD TOP
THE LONDON EVENING
STANDARD

Friends within the organization, however, describe a mad rush around into the corridors of editorial power only since last Wednesday, when hit-teams of executives borrowed from the *Evening Standard* began scrawling on design pads and making whispered telephone calls to freelance writers.

It is a classic Fleet Street "spoiler" operation: from the same text-book that causes tabloid newspapers beaten for the exclusive rights to photograph a filmstar's wedding, to immediately hit the streets with colour shots of her previous divorce.

Not the least attractive feature of the operation from Associated executives viewpoint was the certain knowledge what their sneak raid would do to the composure of Mr Maxwell, a man not unknown to over-react. Indeed only 12 hours before he heard of the counter-attack, he had reviewed his own front-line troops — and found them considerably wanting.

So furious was he at the appearance of his proposed newspaper on Sunday night Mr Maxwell immediately summoned the picture editors of the *Daily* and *Sunday Mirror* and the *Glasgow Record*, several staff photographers from as far afield as the West Country, two graphic designers from his world of glossy magazines, and informed them all that for the duration of the war they were enrolled for the *London Daily News*.

Yesterday executives of the "new" *Evening News* were keeping their faces quite straight as they insisted they had serious intentions with the paper: that it would have a target circulation of 100,000, would appear for five days a

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NEWS SUMMARY

Getty puts £17m in film projects

Mr J. Paul Getty, the American multi-millionaire, has just completed donations to British film institutions totalling £17m, his solicitor announced yesterday.

The money is being spent on several projects including the Museum of the Moving Image near the National Film Theatre in Waterloo, and a new headquarters for the British Film Institute, off Tottenham Court Road in London, costing £6 million.

Gifts also include funds for a new storage centre at the National Film Archives in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire; the setting up of a £3 million endowment fund for the British Film Institute; and direct grants to the institute of £6.8 million.

The new BFI headquarters is due to open in September and the Museum of the Moving Image in the autumn of 1988. Mr Getty has provided three-quarters of the projects' total cost of £20 million.

Boys in 65ft fall

Four teenagers were rescued from a 65ft hole in a field near Dartford, Kent, yesterday after passers by heard them screaming and called the fire brigade.

Leading Fireman Mick Fox was lowered down to bring them up one at a time.

The boys, Darren Gold, aged 14, of Hilltop Gardens, Dartford, Mark Stuckey, aged 14, of Courts Road, Bean, Neil Carpenter, aged 15, of Keys Road, Dartford, and Matthew Baniwell, aged 15, of Miskin Road, Dartford, were unhurt.

£500,000 award

A young man was awarded £500,000 damages yesterday over a road crash that left him confined to a wheelchair.

David Tibbetts was 15 when his school minibus overturned near Ellesmere in Shropshire in 1982.

Yesterday's settlement was made out of court. It was reached at the High Court sitting in Birmingham after Mr Patrick Miles, the teacher driving the minibus, and Mr Denis Orme, the former headmaster of Wakelands School in Ellesmere, admitted liability.

Prostitutes banned

A High Court judge granted an injunction yesterday banning two prostitutes from touting for clients at the Hilton Hotel in London.

Ann Ross, of Westbourne Grove, Bayswater, and Jocelyn Bannermann, of Palace Road, Brixton, have been "turfed out by security staff when spotted but have nevertheless continued to come back", Mr Peter Jennings, for the prosecution, told the court.

Ross, who also uses the name Victoria Thompson, was ejected from the Park Lane Hotel on 15 occasions between March and June last year. Bannermann, who also uses the name Linda or Gwynn Matthews, has been thrown out three times.

Lloyd's job role

Clive Lloyd, the former Lancashire and West Indies captain, yesterday started his three-day week job raising money for Project Fullemploy, a multi-ethnic community and business-based organization.

It provides vocational training at 15 centres in inner city areas, particularly for minority ethnic groups. It also encourages black business development and provides consultancy and training for organizations wanting to develop an equal opportunities policy.

Beating the burglar

The Home Office yesterday launched a £1.6 million advertising campaign to "beat the burglar".

The campaign, which will run till March, is being supported by the Halifax Building Society, which will help to distribute 11 million leaflets.

Mr Douglas Hogg, junior Home Office minister, said that most of the one million burglaries or attempted burglaries each year were committed by teenagers and could be prevented by simple home security measures.

Councils blamed for waste land

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

More than 300 square miles of urban land in Britain, equivalent to half the area of Greater London, are vacant and derelict, according to a report published by the Adam Smith Institute today.

"Some of Britain's greatest cities contain so much derelict land that they look as if they had only recently emerged from World War II."

The report places much of the blame on local authorities for land hoarding, excessive rates, and the difficulty and cost of obtaining planning permission.

In 1981, it was estimated that there were 30 square miles of wasteland in London, when land registers, which give only an indication of the problem, accounted only for eight.

The general consensus appears to be that between 60 and 70 per cent of derelict land is in public ownership, the report says. In many urban areas the market for land has been virtually locked up by local authorities and nationalized industries, it says.

In Liverpool the council alone possessed more than three quarters of all vacant land in 1975.

Why Wasteland? (Adam Smith Institute, PO Box 316, London SW1P 3DQ: £8.00).

Services for addicts 'in crisis'

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Services for drug abusers will not meet the demand over the next two years if the Government does not provide additional funding, agencies claimed yesterday.

Two drug rehabilitation clinics are under threat because government funding has run out and the £5 million allocation to regional health authorities for drug services, made in 1986, has been frozen this year in spite of a growing problem of drug abuse.

Turning Point, one of the largest voluntary agencies working with drug and alcohol abusers, was told yesterday that the Government would not be able to allocate the £750,000 needed to fund an extension to the drug rehabilitation centre at Suffolk House, Uxbridge, west London, and a new drug centre specifically for younger addicts at Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Mr Brian Albery, chief executive of Turning Point, said yesterday: "The West Midlands will now have no rehabilitation services outside those offered by the NHS".

He said that the Government's plans to direct its Aids programme towards drug addicts would be worthless without more services to counsel drug abusers.

Solzhenitsyn is sued

A London publisher claimed in the High Court yesterday that Alexander Solzhenitsyn, falsely accused him of being a KGB agent in the Russian edition of his book *The Oak and the Calf*.

Mr Solzhenitsyn, who lives in the United States, denies libelling Mr Alec Flegon, aged 62, of St Alban's Avenue, Chiswick, west London. He is not expected to attend the hearing.

Mr Flegon said his persecution by the Soviet authorities began in 1940 when the Russians invaded Bessarabia. In 1956, he fled to the West and, after working for the BBC's Romanian service, he began publishing in 1962.

The hearing continues today.

West facing growing flood of irregular travellers

'Tamils could have sought visas'

By Howard Foster

The 58 Tamils seeking asylum in Britain after arriving at Heathrow Airport 10 days ago with forged or destroyed documents will learn today whether they can stay.

Three High Court judges who heard an application yesterday from the Tamils for leave to have a judicial review of their case will give their judgement this morning.

The Tamils arrived in London from Sri Lanka, via Bangladesh and Malaysia, seeking asylum from what they claim is almost certain imprisonment and torture by the government if they are returned.

During yesterday's three-hour hearing, it was claimed that Tamils from Sri Lanka were at the forefront of a growing problem of "undocumented passengers" now flooding into Western countries.

An affidavit by Mr Timothy Flesher, head of the B1 division of the Immigration and Nationality Department of the Home Office, which was read in court by counsel for the Home Office, said that 150,000 "irregular movements" of passengers have been recorded in the past two years.

The problem was a growing one and had been discussed by a meeting of Western countries in Switzerland, ironically on the day the Tamils landed at Heathrow.

Those passengers were either found to have forged documents or they had destroyed or mutilated their passports and visas en route, as happened in the case of the 58 Tamils.

More than 300 Tamils had arrived in the UK by air since December 1986, many travelling in organized groups.

Mr John Laws, for the Home Office, submitted to Lord Justice May that the members of the group now staying at the Harmondsworth Detention Centre in west London could have applied for visas to enter the UK either in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh or Malaysia.

He said that to have allowed them to stay in Britain would have been a clear signal to the organizers of "immigration rackets" abroad that they could succeed in gaining entry to the UK.

Both the UK Immigration Advisory Service and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees are against the repatriation of the Tamils. The service bases its opposition on an agreement with the Home Office that refugees refused entry with no right of appeal should be referred to it before removal.

"This was not done in this case and that is my principle ground of challenge", Mr Nicholas Blake, counsel for the Tamils, said.

Mr Blake argued that it would not have been possible for the Tamils to have applied for asylum in Britain, either in Sri Lanka or when they were staying in Bangladesh and Malaysia.

All the 58 applicants for asylum had left Sri Lanka up to two months before their arrival in the UK. They had entrusted their travel arrangements to an agent reportedly called George to whom they had each paid £1,250. They had boarded an aircraft in Kuala Lumpur

The Tamils say that each case should be examined individually and that there is a real risk of persecution if the group is returned.

● Outside the High Court, 200 Tamils chanted and displayed banners calling for the 58 to be allowed to stay.

£25,000 contempt fine for 'loyalists'

By Richard Ford

A High Court judge yesterday fined Belfast City Council £25,000 for contempt of court after it failed to obey an order to resume normal business.

Mr Justice Hutton told the "loyalist"-controlled council to pay the fine forthwith, but last night the Lord Mayor, Mr Sammy Wilson, said he would refuse to do so.

The judge's decision came as the joint unionist campaign of adjourning council meetings in protest at the Anglo-Irish Agreement is in disarray; seven "loyalist" councils have set rates in defiance of their party leadership.

As the judge was fining Belfast council, the Government sent in a commissioner to set rates in the 11 Unionist-controlled councils that have refused to strike a rate as part of the protest. But the commissioner has excluded any provision in the budgets for money planned to be used by the councils to fund the campaign against the agreement.

The Department of the Environment said the action was taken to protect jobs and maintain services in the councils.

In the High Court in Belfast, Mr Justice Hutton refused to give the city council any stay of execution so it could cease being in contempt.

He said the council had continued to disobey the Court of Appeal order for more than a year. It had deliberately disobeyed it and was in contempt of court even though last April the appeal court had given the council an opportunity to start normal business and avoid the fine.

The council was fined on the application of three Alliance party members and a former member who brought proceedings to force Unionist councillors to return to normal council business.

King in barrack raid inquiry

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, met senior Army officers yesterday to discuss the raid on an Ulster Defence Regiment barracks in which 170 weapons were stolen.

The haul, which was later recovered, was described by Mr King as a "very serious breach of security" but he refused to comment on allegations that the raiders must have acted in collusion with serving members of the regiment.

Mr King said: "I am not going to anticipate the inquiry now being carried out by the Military Police. I take this matter extremely seriously and it is a matter of great thankfulness for everybody in the province that the RUC recovered the weaponry."

Detectives were still questioning a number of people detained in connection with the raid at the barracks in Coleraine, Co Londondery.

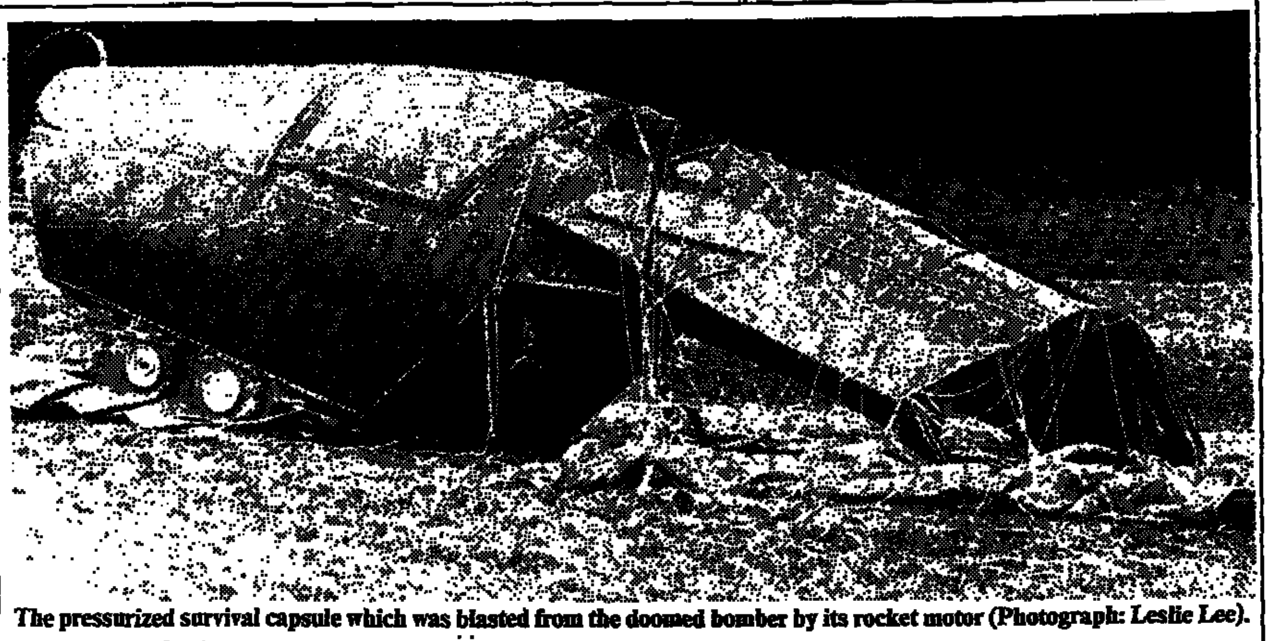
The ease with which they were able to cut a perimeter fence, ransack the armoury and then drive away in a UDR van through the front gates of the base at Coleraine has fuelled suspicion that they were acting on inside information.

Mr Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, said: "I believe, and I think most people would believe, it would be impossible to mount that kind of activity without inside knowledge.

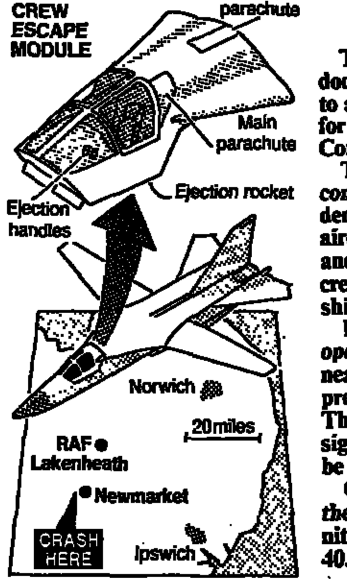
"First of all, they had to know exactly how to get inside the base and I know how these places are guarded in the North of Ireland – if you went to take a photo outside you would be arrested."

Mr Mallon said the men had seemingly been able to enter the base with ease, knew exactly where to go and managed to commandeer a UDR vehicle to drive away.

But Unionist politicians deny claims of collusion and Mr Ken Maginnis, Official Unionist MP for Fermanagh, South Tyrone, said the base was being refurbished and some of the temporary security measures were not ideal.



The pressurized survival capsule which was blasted from the doomed bomber by its rocket motor (Photograph: *Leslie Lee*).



Self-sufficient survival capsule

The two airmen in the doomed F-111 owe their lives to a survival capsule designed for the aircraft (Our Air Correspondent writes).

The capsule is, in effect, a completely separate, independent vehicle housed within the aircraft. It is air-conditioned and pressurized and allows the crews to fly the aircraft in their shirt sleeves.

In an emergency the pilot operates a "three way" switch near his knee by squeezing, pressing and finally pulling. The three way action is designed to ensure that it cannot be set off accidentally.

Once it has been triggered the switch automatically ignites a rocket motor giving a 40,000 lb thrust which literally tears the entire cockpit away from the aicraft with the two crewmen still strapped inside.

As it is blasted away, it takes with it part of the wing section which helps the module to remain aerodynamic while a small parachute – automatically deployed after four seconds, when the capsule has gone about 100 feet clear of the aircraft – stops any pitching movement.

The rocket motor then switches itself off but the force of the blast takes the capsule another 200 feet until the main parachute is deployed allowing it to settle gently back to Earth.

The rocket can be triggered at up to 40,000 feet, at speeds well in excess of the speed of sound, on the ground and while the aircraft is standing still or under water.

As the pod floats down it automatically deploys its own air bags to cushion its landing and the crew can even fire chaff dispensers to confuse radar and deflect any missile attack which might be launched.

Once it has hit the ground – or the sea – the capsule becomes a survival shelter with a UHF radio aerial to give its position.

On water the air bags become flotation bags to keep it upright and afloat while an automatic bilge pump gets rid of any water which may have seeped in.

The newspaper revolution

Ultimatum to Mail printers

By Tim Jones

Print union negotiators representing workers on Lord Rothermere's Associated Newspapers group will today be told that future pay rises will be conditional on the abandonment of "Spanish customs" that have affected Fleet Street for years.

The pay talks are seen as a vital component in the plans by the group to take its three main titles, the *Daily Mail*, *The Mail on Sunday* and *The London Standard* towards a new and secure high-technology future.

Once source within the company said yesterday: "In traditional Fleet Street terms the conditions are draconian. The company will be asking them to agree to – and work – a 35-hour week without blatant overmanning. In addition, they will have to abide by a far tighter rein on their working practices.

"In short, they are being told they must abandon the whole concept of autonomy, being a company within a company, and concede to management the right to manage."

So far, the company plans, which involve a complicated "divided operation", separating most of its journalistic, financial and advertising operation from its point of production, has been going well.

Under the plan, editorial offices for all three newspapers will be based in the top floors of the Barkers department store in Kensington which the company has acquired on a long lease.

The printing operation, claimed by management to be the "most modern in Europe", will be six miles away on a site in Surrey Dock, east London. According to a management source, the whole operation, which includes "very generous" redundancy payments, will cost about £150 million.

Associated Newspaper management, in common with other national newspaper proprietors, is taking advantage of the so called "new realism" which has encapsulated the traditionally ultra-conservative print unions ever since News International moved publishing of *The Times* and three other titles to Wapping, east London, a year ago.

TUC is too profligate says union

By Tim Jones

The TUC is to come under pressure to appoint a "financial supremo" after the leaking of a secret report, commissioned by one of its affiliated unions, accusing it of being imprudent and profligate in the running of its affairs.

According to the report, prepared for the Union of Construction Allied Trades and Technicians, the TUC's expenditure has increased by a "staggering" 32.6 per cent from £5,786,809 in 1985 to a projected expenditure of more than £7.6 million in 1989.

A spokesman for the union, which has 248,000 members said yesterday: "The TUC should put its house in order. UCATT has been very successful with its own financial policy and that has been achieved by careful investments."

He said: "We do not wish to be critical of the TUC which does a lot of excellent work but it seems to us that the people who work there are one step removed from the membership".

UCATT is particularly concerned because the financial benefits of a successful membership drive, in which it increased its numbers by 2.5 per cent, has been virtually wiped out by TUC demands for a 20p per member increase in affiliation fees.

The union spokesman suggested the TUC should become involved in "workers capitalism" and take advantage of the "killings" being made in the share market.

The report says: "The TUC is not practising the financial prudency that other organizations, especially affiliated trades unions, have been conducting for the last few years.

"The TUC still sees affiliated unions as bottomless pits and it is time that they were told enough is enough."

Newspaper war breaks out

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week in just one edition, would sell for only 15p, and would be aimed down-market with special appeal for women: comparison shoppers among London newspaper buyers will note that Mr Maxwell's version will sell for 20p, appear six days a week and will keep repeating itself through various editions for the entire 24 hours.

What the new, that is to say, the very old News is intended to do of course, is reproduce the muddle implicit in this sentence: in other words to so confuse the reader as destroy the impact of Mr Maxwell's launch.

People wil only need to be handed the wrong New news once or twice, the theory runs to return in disgust to the *Evening Standard*. And the incentive given to newsellers to keep the entire 15p cover price for the first four days is a battle tactic Mr Maxwell will regard as about as distant from fair-play as the use of mustard gas, and tempt him to consider using live ammunition amid the fireworks with which he will at dusk today light up the Thames.

The entirely serious point of course, is what is at stake. The *Evening Standard* is a huge profit-maker with its monopoly position, and takes £28 million in small ads alone in an advertising market said by some estimates to be worth £380 million annually.

The battle for that sort of profitability in an industry, which was until only two years ago being regarded as about as viably up-to-date as corracle-building, has taken the *Standard* versus *London Daily News* campaigning far beyond giveaway gimmickry: it has actually become quite nasty.

There have been echos of the old fist-fighting outrages of the papers wars of New York and Chicago in the 1930s in some of the things already said: Mr Maxwell has already accused the Associated Newspapers executive Mr Bert Hardy of using the language of a "Wapping thug", in response to a claim it was to be "all out war" from the bottom end of Fleet street.

Yesterday he repeated his claim that newsvendors had been threatened by the Standard's agents to stop them selling his new paper. He produced in evidence an alleged early casualty of the preliminary skirmishes, an elderly woman newseller from outside his own Holborn Circus who was said to have been much intimidated by the sinister men from the *Evening Standard*.

And Mr Maxwell was in splendidly sarcastic form about the new/old *Evening News*: "This is the longest gap between death and resurrection in history." Lord Rothermere was engaging in a high-wire act, added the Master of Holborn Circus. "I predict he will fall off. How can you take seriously a paper that is staffed by ghosts? I will sell my paper for 10p, or even give it away, if I have to."

Vicars may lose sway over church organists

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Church of England vicars are to lose their right to hire and fire their organists unless late protests are successful.

The General Synod, embroiled in the very public debate about women's ordination, has rather more discreetly included this proposal in a wide-ranging package of miscellaneous measures which it wants approved by Parliament.

This package has been put to the Ecclesiastical Committee, which consists of 30 lords and MPs, to decide whether the measures are suitable for consideration by the Commons. However several irate clergymen, who have learnt of the Synod's plans and are determined to oppose this erosion of their rights, have also written to the committee to protest.

Faced with this opposition, the committee has now decided to summon before it representatives of the General Synod, headed by the Archdeacon of Halifax, to explain exactly what they are proposing and why.

Under common law, the right to hire and fire the organist lies solely with the vicar, even though the £200 or £300 a year that an organist may earn is paid by the parochial church council. The Synod is suggesting that as paymaster, the parochial church council should take over the vicar's powers.

Mr Derek Pattinson, secretary general of the General Synod, said last night that "right through public life you tend to have rather more sophisticated arrangements for employment".

"This is just the church catching up with good employment practices", he said.

Calls to reopen trial of bombers

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is to face new pressure next week to reopen the cases of the woman and three men jailed 12 years ago for the bombings of public houses in Guildford and Woolwich in 1974, which killed seven people and injured 60 others.

An investigation by *First Tuesday*, a Yorkshire Television programme, claims to have turned up a new witness. Mrs Yvonne Fox, who alleges she was with one of the convicted men, Paul Hill, aged 33, on the night of the Woolwich explosion.

The programme producer, Mr Grant Mckee, said: "If her evidence is to be believed, she proves beyond a reasonable doubt that Paul Hill could not have bombed Woolwich. Mrs Fox is English, not Irish. She has no axe to grind and no particular relationship to Mr Hill."

The evidence provided by Mrs Fox would also cast doubt on the convictions of the others in the case because it would tend to support their withdrawal of the confessions which led to their conviction.

All four – Hill, Carole Richardson, now aged 29, Gerald Conlon, aged 33, and Patrick Armstrong, aged 36 – are serving life sentences.

Mr Hurd told the Commons last month that he was reopening the case of the six men convicted of the Birmingham pub bombing in November 1974 in which 21 people were killed and 162 injured. He acted after the convictions were challenged by two *World in Action* programmes and in a book published last year by Mr Chris Mullin.

But Mr Hurd said there was no connection between the Birmingham case and the Guildford and Woolwich cases, and refused to reopen the matter. He said later in a television interview that he would reconsider his decision if new evidence were brought to light.

The programme is to be shown to members of Parliament on March 2 and will be broadcast on the full ITV network the next evening. It includes an interview with Mrs Fox, who says: "My evidence should have been heard because I was there that night. I don't know why I was never called."

It also includes an interview with Lord Devlin, the criminal lawyer who called the convictions "a plain miscarriage of justice. It was a thin case: Their own confessions were the sole evidence."

The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinl Basil Hume says on the programme: "I ar quite conviced that these people are innocent.

'Reckless hall sale' by Brent

By Mark Ellis

A Labour-controlled London council plans to "remortgage" its town hall and other public buildings to beat Government spending curbs in spite of warnings it could be creating escalating debts for future generations.

Brent Council's scheme is an exercise in creative accounting that is within the law, but is criticized by the Audit Commission, the financial watchdog of local authorities, as a "cause for very considerable concern".

Tory and Liberal opposition councillors warned yesterday that the sale and leaseback of Brent Town Hall, in Wembley, and other council-owned property such as schools and old people's homes, was financially reckless and a gamble on a future Labour government bailing the council out.

Under the scheme Brent Council would use the property as collateral to raise up to £250 million from financial institutions in the City of London and the interest earned from investing the money would be about £25 million, which it would use to maintain existing services.

For the first two years the council would not repay anything, but in 1989-90 the cost of the borrowing would increase the debt by at least £6 million pounds a year.

Mr Roger Stone, leader of Brent's Tory councillors, said last night: "The effect of this is horrendous and is the equivalent of doubling the rates from 255p in the pound.

"What we are doing for temporary expediency is whacking up a bill for the future and the present administration is banking on Labour winning the next general election and bailing them out."

A final decision will be taken on March 5 at the council's annual rate fixing meeting. Then the plans will be presented as a way of avoiding a £25 million deficit on council spending in the borough where the rate rise is limited to 6 per cent under rate-capping laws.

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Student seeks order to save his unborn child from abortion

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A student father-to-be took his fight for the life of his unborn child to the Court of Appeal yesterday after a High Court judge ruled that he was not entitled to stop his girl friend having an abortion.

In an unprecedented action, the unnamed Oxford University student, aged 23, had sought an order on behalf of himself and his unborn child on the ground that an abortion would be an offence.

Mrs Justice Heilbron, aged 73, one of only three woman High Court judges, gave the abortion the go-ahead. She ruled that in law the foetus, which is nearly 18 weeks, has no legal standing to bring an action through the father to keep itself alive.

She also rejected the father's claim that an abortion would be an offence under the Infant Preservation Act, 1929, punishable with a life sentence.

The unnamed mother, aged 21, also a student, who met the father at Oxford University, should have undergone an abortion yesterday and is now expected to have the operation on Thursday.

But the father immediately took his case to the Court of Appeal where the Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson, said the issues raised great public importance. He said that the couple should not be identified as it would cause hardship. "It is not their fault these issues have arisen."

Yesterday legal experts claimed the case was one of the most important to come before the courts over the legal rights of women to have control over their own babies.

Miss Susan Maidment, a barrister and family law specialist, said yesterday: "If the father succeeds in obtaining his order, this would make very, very serious inroads into women's rights to determine their own circumstances".

It was the first time to her knowledge that someone had tried to obtain an injunction to prevent what they claimed would be a breach of the criminal law in such circumstances, although similar actions had been mounted in the field of labour disputes.

The only comparable case was in 1978, when a husband tried unsuccessfully to stop his wife having an abortion without his consent, she said.

In that case, brought under the Abortion Act, 1967, the court ruled that a foetus in English law does not have a right of its own until it has a separate existence from its mother.

The consent of the father-to-be was not required under the Abortion Act for an abortion, and the husband had no enforceable legal right to stop doctors carrying out the abortion, the court held.

Yesterday's High Court ruling was attacked by the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child as "making a mockery of the law".

Mrs Phyllis Bowman, director, said that the Infant Life Preservation Act defined the crime of child destruction as the killing in the womb of a foetus "capable of being born alive".

A baby born at 18 weeks was capable of being born alive even though it could not survive, she said. Babies are not thought capable of survival before 22 weeks at the earliest.

"Here you have a law specifically to protect the child: and if no-one can bring an action on the child's behalf to enforce it, it makes a complete mockery of it."

Mrs Justice Heilbron's ruling came after a legal battle behind closed doors, which began last Tuesday. The case was resumed last Friday and there was a rare special court sitting on Saturday because of the urgency.

The judge gave her ruling in open court because of the case's legal importance. Mrs Justice Heilbron said that the issue of abortion was one which aroused profound feelings.

She said that after the girl became pregnant she was given a pill by her doctor, which was believed to have terminated the pregnancy. It did not and doctors agreed she could have an abortion.

Her former boy friend then sought to stop the abortion, and the area health authority from "causing or permitting" it.

The bulk of the medical evidence had been over whether an 18-week foetus was capable of being born alive.

In her judgment, it was impossible to say with any certainty that if a foetus of that age was aborted it would add up to a child, which had been capable of being born alive, being killed.

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Stadium blaze is blamed on club

By Ian Smith

Bradford City Football Club and West Yorkshire County Council were yesterday held legally responsible for the Valley Parade football stadium fire, the worst tragedy in British sporting history.

The club, which ignored warnings about a fatal build-up of rubbish which set the stadium ablaze and sent 2,100 people fleeing for their lives, was apportioned two thirds of the blame for the fire. One-third of the liability was borne by the now-defunct West Yorkshire County Council.

The Health and Safety Executive was absolved from any responsibility as the statutory public body had exercised discretion, to which it was entitled, when deciding how to deal with warnings about the grandstand.

Insurance companies for both the club and county council face compensation claims expected to reach at least £6 million. Mr Stafford Heginbotham, the club chairman, pledged that all claims would be met in full.

The liability judgement comes after a three-week court case last November in which Mrs Susan Fletcher, aged 34, who lost her husband John, her son Andrew, aged 11, her brother-in-law Peter, aged 32, and his father Edmund, aged 63.

She was attempting to prove liability against the football club, the county council and the Health and Safety Executive, as was a second plaintiff, Sergeant David Britton, aged 42, of West Yorkshire police.

Delivering his three-hour judgement, Sir Joseph Cantley, deputy High Court judge, spoke of the fire of horrifying proportions and severity which spread throughout the entire stand in less than five minutes.

The stand was filled to capacity with 2,100 people. Fifty-six died and more than 200 others were injured

Sir Joseph said there was evidence that the fire hazard in the Valley Parade stadium was one of long-standing.

In September 1980 it had prompted Mr John Laird, a principal inspector of the Health and Safety Executive, to write to the club warning of the dangers of a build-up of litter in the void area running under the stand seating.

As firemen reached the charred remains of the wooden grandstand, built in 1909, they found papers dating back to the late 1960s

Another visit was paid to the club by Mr Andrew Shaw from the county council's engineers department as a result of an application by Bradford City directors for an official letter backing their request for a grant from the Football Grounds Improvement Trust to replace the ageing stand-roof.

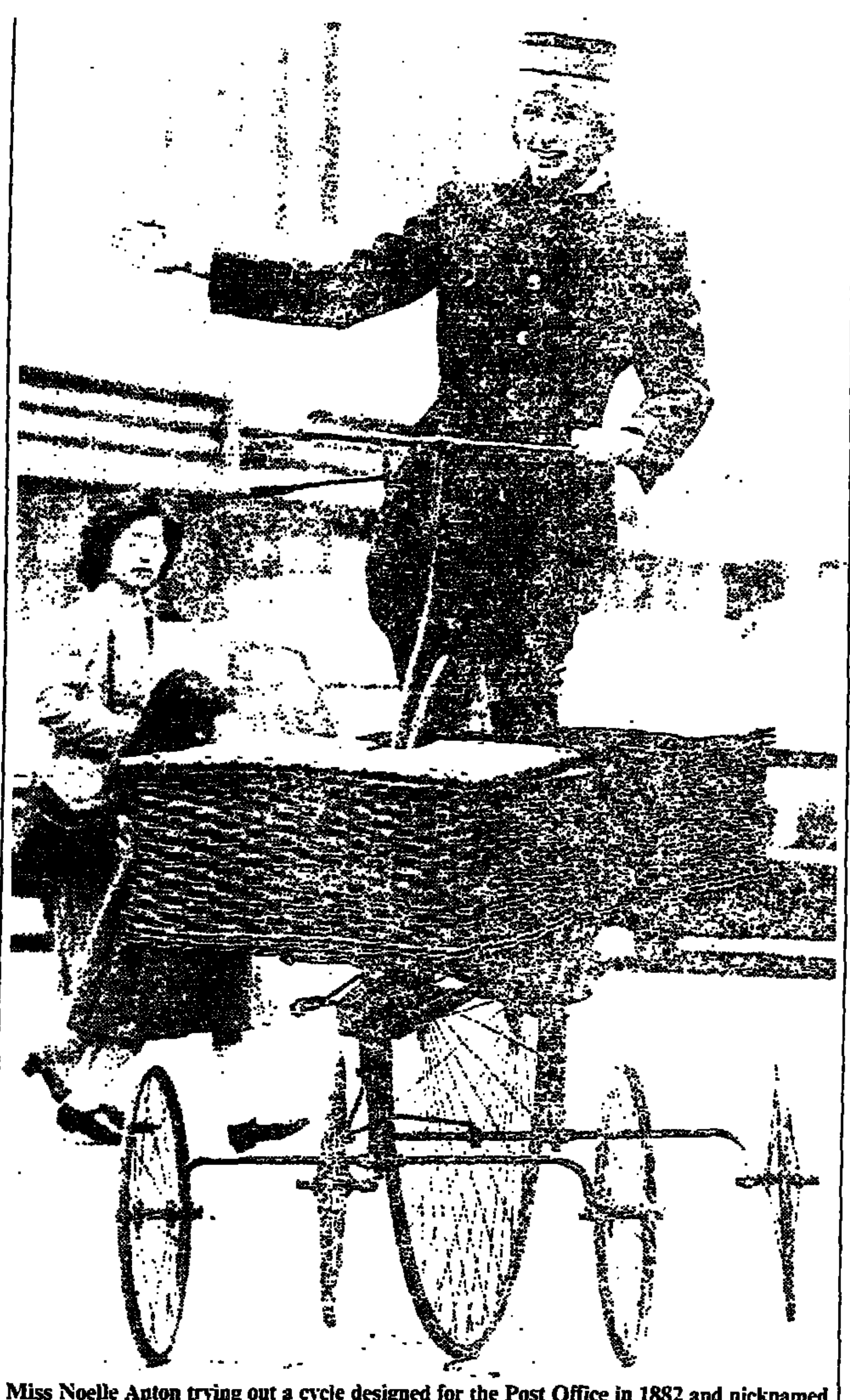
Mr Shaw, who was a member of the county council's safety team which dealt with the certification of sports grounds and the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975, was so concerned about the potential fire risk that he wrote to the club.

In it he spoke of the stadium fire hazard and build-up of combustible materials in the voids beneath the seats.

A carelessly discarded cigarette, he warned, could give rise to a fire risk. His warning proved tragically prophetic.

The letter was passed to Mr Jack Tordoff, club vice-chairman, who read the letter but never raised it for attention at any board meeting. Mr Tordoff's view was that it did not call for immediate action.

Contributing to the loss of life was the absence of an emergency evacuation system and locked exit doors and turnstiles, the judge said.



Miss Noelle Anton trying out a cycle designed for the Post Office in 1882 and nicknamed the hen and chickens. It is to be sold by her employers, Phillips the auctioneers, with similar exotica, including vintage children's cars, in London tomorrow (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Portfolio —Gold—

Cash will help buy first house

There were four winners of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Gold prize.

Mr Douglas Flack, aged 35, a photographic technician from Wonford Road, Exeter, Devon, was delighted with his share.

He and his wife Ruth, who have a six-month daughter, plan to put the money towards the price of their first house.

A reader of *The Times* for the past 18 months, he said he changed from *The Daily Telegraph* because *The Times* had a better business section.

Father William Francis Fearon, aged 60, from St Mary's, Derryswood, Wonersh near Guildford, Surrey, said he received great pleasure from the news of his win.

"I have not yet thought what to spend it on, but there are various things the community might need", he said.

The third winner was Mr James Wells, aged 62, of Hillson Drive, Fareham, Hampshire. Mr Wells, a semi-retired technical clerk, said the money would be particularly useful as he had been ill.

"Mind you, my wife Joan and I have four grown-up children, and five grandchildren, so there are plenty of people to spend it on", he said.

The final winner was Mrs Sheila Came, who has three adult children and one grandchild, from Little Ness, near Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

"I have not got over the shock yet", she said. "My reaction was sheer delight. I think I will buy some shrubs for the garden and perhaps we will go on holiday to Scotland."

Readers who wish to play Portfolio Gold can obtain a card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

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Mr Eric Foster who won a £2,000 share in Saturday's daily Portfolio Gold prize is a former editor-in-chief of the *Director*, not *Business*.

Mr Douglas Flack, changed to *The Times* 18 months ago

Sweatshirt link to killing of two girls

A blue sweatshirt with the word Pinto on the left chest was described in Hove Magistrates' Court yesterday as an item offering "cogent and compelling" evidence to link a man with the death of two Brighton girls.

One girl had been sexually assaulted both before and after death, the court was told at committal proceedings against Russell Bishop, aged 21.

Mr Bishop, of Stephens Road, Brighton, is accused of the murders of Karen Hadaway and Nicola Fellows, both aged nine.

The bodies of the girls, who were friends and lived close to each other in Newick Road on the Moulsecoombe estate, were found in Wild Park on October 10, the day after they had disappeared from their homes.

Mr Robert Owen, opening for the prosecution, said the evidence showed that Mr Bishop was in the immediate vicinity at the time the girls went missing. He spoke of a gap of about an hour from the time the accused was last seen before the killings to when he was seen again.

Mr Owen said: "The question is where was he and what was he doing during that period".

He said the blue sweatshirt had been found on a footpath which Mr Bishop, on his own admission, had used to go home.

Forensic scientists said fibres from the sweatshirt were indistinguishable from those found on the pink and green sweatshirts worn by the girls.

Pink and green fibres found on the blue shirt were indistinguishable from the girls' sweatshirts.

"There is strong evidence the sweatshirt had been in contact with the clothing of the dead girls", Mr Owen said.

Red marks on the shirt were found to be two different sorts of paint identical to paint on a car Mr Bishop had sold earlier that year and paint on a car he had sprayed for a neighbour.

"It is beyond the bounds of possibility that all that evidence could be a mere coincidence. There is an unarguable link between the defendant and the dead girls", Mr Owen said.

He asked why Mr Bishop had thrown away the sweatshirt and why he denied it was his.

After learning their girls had been seen in the park, the mothers went there, calling out for their daughters, but got no response.

The girls were found the next afternoon, 23 hours after they had disappeared.

The hearing continues today.

'Cuddles, not drugs' for George

Boy George burst into tears and needed comfort and cuddles after his homosexual lover walked out on him, a court was told yesterday.

After the break up the singer often went to the home of Steve Luben, aged 36, and Mrs Diane "Ginty" Feiner, aged 35, to talk over his troubles, it was claimed.

"George became very fond of Ginty", Mr Luben told Knightsbridge Crown Court. "I often heard him tell her she was the only person he could turn to for advice.

"He used to cry a lot and he and Ginty used to cuddle each other."

The prosecution claimed George was in fact buying drugs from the couple when he visited them, but Mr Luben denied this.

Mr Luben admitted he took cocaine with George and another singer, Marilyn, in Jamaica when they were all on holiday there last April.

But he said that was the only time he and George had anything to do with drugs together.

Mr Luben and Mrs Feiner, of Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, west London, deny one charge of conspiring to supply heroin to Boy George and others. The trial continues today.

GPs win assaults insurance

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Insurance companies are extending their assault cover for doctors because of growing concern over the rising number of attacks on GPs.

Medical Insurance Agency, which provides cover for more thanhalf the country's 30,000 GPs, has announced that it will insure doctors for up to £15,000 for attacks while they are visiting patients.

Previously the company covered doctors only against violence by patients within their surgery, but after a number of reports of attacks during night calls, it has agreed to extend the cover.

GPs can claim £150 a week if they are incapacitated because of an attack, or get a lump sum of £15,000 for serious injury. The death benefit is also £15,000. Other surgery staff, covered by the same policy, can get £7,500 as a lump sum or £75 a week, but they are only covered while on the premises.

The company's original unprovoked assault cover was initiated when one of its clients, a Liverpool doctor, was murdered by a patient.

"It is obvious that more and more doctors are being attacked by people other than patients, on their way to and from home visits". Mr Keith Taylor, the MIA marketing manager, said. "We envisage a growing number of claims in this area

MIA has taken the lead from other smaller agencies such as Medical and Professional Insurance Bureau, based in Liverpool, which provides £25,000 indemnity if doctors or their staff are assaulted. BMA Services, insurance brokers for the British Medical Association, pay out £15,000 or £150 a week to doctors and staff assaulted while on duty.

Man in police struggle died of asphyxia

By Craig Seton

A man who collapsed during a struggle with police in Wolverhampton died of asphyxia, two pathologists said yesterday.

Their post mortem examination revealed that Mr Clinton McCurbin, aged 24, died of asphyxia consistent with "restraint" during a violent struggle.

Mr Roland Moyle, the deputy chairman of the independent Police Complaints Authority, said there would be no cover-up over the incident which caused disorder in the town for two days.

He said that an inquiry would reveal whether or not excessive force had been used.

Police constable Michael Hobday, aged 29, and PC Neil Morris, aged 23, who had arrested Mr McCurbin and tried to resuscitate him after he collapsed, were yesterday still on sick leave.

MP fears for lives of tourists on safari

By Richard Evans

The Foreign Secretary was urged last night to launch a search for a group of tourists — including seven Britons — who have become mixed up in a bizarre attempted murder mystery while on safari in Africa.

Mr Robert Key, Conservative MP for Salisbury, wrote to Sir Geoffrey Howe after yesterday's report in *The Times* detailed how three young women, including a British nurse, were "dumped" in the impoverished state of Mali after the waterbottle of one holidaymaker on the tour had been poisoned.

Meanwhile, Mr Michael Howard, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said he would study a dossier on the holiday which is being sent to him by the MP.

Mr Key has accused Guerba Expeditions, the Wiltshire based firm which organized the holiday, of being totally irresponsible

The Times received complaints yesterday from other people who have been on a Guerba tour, with detailed allegations about lack of leadership

Mr Key told Sir Geoffrey in his letter he feared for the safety of the remaining 15 people on the African overland tour. They are believed to be somewhere between the Central African Republic, Zaire and Tanzania.

Although five people were suspected of the water bottle incident, the culprit was never discovered. The three women deny any involvement.

"If it wasn't them behind the poisoning then there could still be a would-be murderer with the tour", Mr Key said.

"I want the Foreign Secretary to alert our consuls and staff to find this tour. I am very concerned for their safety."

Police hunt second man

Detectives investigating David Grice's connections with the killing of Sergeant John Speed in Leeds in 1984 were yesterday hunting a second man. They interviewed two men on Teesside and plan to take them to Leeds for an identity parade.

Gricewith, aged 38, died 12 days ago when he was shot by the sawn-off shotgun he was carrying as he tried to escape in a hijacked police car after an incident outside a Teesside supermarket.

Royal rides to support cancer trust

Princess Anne and the Duchess of York will be among 250 people who are to ride the Grand National winner, Aldaniti, in an attempt to raise £500,000 for the Bob Champion Cancer Trust.

Beginning on March 1 at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, the ride will cover the 250-mile walk to Aintree, arriving on Grand National day, exactly six years after Bob Champion triumphed there on Aldaniti.

Mr Jonjo O'Neill, the former jockey turned trainer, who is fighting cancer, will ride the first mile in London, and Bob Champion the last, on to Aintree racecourse on April 4.

The Duchess of York's mile will start from the Royal Mews at Windsor, and Princess Anne will take part at the opening day of the Cheltenham festival next month.

Lisa Goddard, the actress; Jimmy Hill, the commentator; Nigel Dempster, the journalist; and Lyndsey de Paul, the singer, will be among those taking part.

Mr Champion, aged 38, captured the nation's hearts with his Grand National win after both he and Aldaniti fought back from illness.

He partly blamed the pressures of fund raising, and being in the public eye afterwards, for the break-up of his marriage.

He said in an interview published in the latest *Woman* magazine that the fame that followed, including an MBE and the film of his story, *Champions*, took their toll.

"I uau to travel a lot to promote the film, as some of the proceeds were going to the Bob Champion Cancer Trust."

He has not ruled out remarriage. "I suppose I do get lonely. I am home in the day training and most of the functions to raise money are in the evening. It makes a long day."

About the forthcoming walk he said: "Aldaniti will be doing 10 miles a day for 25 days, with rests in between. He is 16 years old now, but still raring to go."

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M O N T H L Y I N C O M E

Sizewell economic cul-de-sac, says Orme

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, said at the beginning of the Commons debate on Sizewell report, that to go ahead with the pressurized water reactor would be to go into a technological and economic cul-de-sac.

Even without taking account of events that had occurred since the completion of the Sizewell inquiry – Chernobyl and the lower price of oil – he would have decided, as a balance of judgement, not to proceed with the PWR at Sizewell.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, made a seven-minute speech opening the debate on Sir Frank Layfield's report on Sizewell, but declined to comment on the report. He said that he was in a role he had not previously experienced in his 25 years in the House: to listen and provide no views of his own.

Mr Walker said that Sir Frank Layfield had made clear in his report that he appreciated the strength of the case for a debate in Parliament before the decision was taken.

He agreed with that and had decided, without this becoming a precedent, that it would be a good idea for Parliament to have an opportunity to express its view before he made his decision. He would listen with care to the views of the House before making the decision for which he had responsibility.

He expressed gratitude for the work of Sir Frank and his staff in the inquiry, which had begun on January 1983 and continued until March 1985, with 340 days of evidence. It had been the longest and most exhaustive planning inquiry in British history and those conducting it had given up several years of their lives to it.

Irrespective of one's views about the issue, Sir Frank had produced a well written report.

He was advised that he should not comment on it, and would not do so, in advance of his decision.

"Whatever the decision on Sizewell, the Government will be making decisions which are likely to have a profound effect for decades to come."

It was the first century in which the world had faced energy problems. No one could with certainty predict changes in population or industrialization in the coming decades.

"The potential of worldwide growth in the next century shows that Britain and the EEC need to pursue policies which, in whatever form, can meet the potential needs of the future."

An important contribution to assist the balance between supply and demand could be made by improved energy efficiency.

Mr Orme said that the Government was about to make its most important decision about the future of electricity generation.

Not a single order for power generating had been made for eight years. New capacity must be ordered now with some urgency.

The CEGB had got it wrong when it had not anticipated increased demand for capacity and went to sleep through the four or five years of the Sizewell inquiry.

There were now reports that the CEGB required an urgent go-ahead for new coal-fired stations.

"To make a decision to go ahead with the PWR would be to go into a technological and economic cul-de-sac."

The report was out of date, making no reference to Chernobyl, and since 1985 the price of oil had altered dramatically.

Through no fault of his own, Sir Frank had not been able to take post-1985 events into account in reaching his verdict. But the Secretary of State had a responsibility to make a judgement not merely in the light of the inquiry's findings but also having given due consideration to subsequent events.

Sir Frank had introduced his own assessors and it was their submission on the then economics of nuclear power versus coal that convinced him that nuclear power was the cheaper option. But this same group of assessors had now published an up-to-date report on the economic pros and cons which took account of the major changes in fossil-fuel prices since the end of the inquiry and they had now come to different conclusions.

That did not mean that coal now represented the cheaper option, but, because of great uncertainty, nuclear power was unlikely to offer substantial economic benefits.

Since the end of the inquiry, the NCB had also completely revised its views and had presented new projections to the Select Committee on Energy showing that coal was increasingly cheaper. If the inquiry was taking place now, different assumptions on price would be used.

Assumptions on capital costs would also be different. On the CEGB's own admission, capital costs had risen by 11 per cent since they gave evidence to the inquiry.

The PWR was imported technology which was rapidly becoming outdated. They were considering buying American technology which the Americans themselves had rejected.

Modern coal-fired stations would provide an important export market for the UK. British design and construction led the world. British Coal needed to be able to plan ahead and to know there was an expanding future market.

The arguments about the jobs potential of Sizewell were deliberately misleading. More employment was generated in the construction of coal-fired stations. An increased nuclear power industry in Britain would replace many thousands of jobs in the mining industry.

The social cost to the nation, as well as the social cost to mining communities, must be offset against the cost of nuclear power which, contrary to the Government's propaganda, looked increasingly more expensive.

Dr David Owen and Mrs Rosie Barnes, the Alliance candidate, at the party's press conference in Greenwich yesterday.

How, in these circumstances, could the promised cheaper electricity be expected? Ministers often held up France as an example of a successful nuclear programme. But whereas the price of electricity had doubled in Britain between 1975 and 1984, in France it had trebled.

The report said that other sources of energy were not at the stage where they could be considered as alternatives. But it was vital for the long-term future of Britain's energy resources that the Government gave a higher priority to the development of these schemes, as well as stepping up research into all forms of renewable energy sources.

The construction of a PWR would have no economic benefits but it would have serious side effects on jobs in British manufacturing, and particularly in coal mining. On the Government's own narrow criteria, the case for Sizewell B was not proven, but the decision should not be based solely on such narrow criteria anyway.

It was extraordinary that Sir Frank Layfield could spend four-and-a-half years on a report and, when a major disaster took place at Chernobyl this was not taken into account in any shape or form by the inquiry. The Secretary of State should have allowed the inquiry to re-open in order to deal with it.

It was accepted that safety in the British nuclear industry was as good as any in the world. Engineering expertise could minimize the risk, but nothing could write out human error.

It was vital therfore that reliable methods for quantifying human error should be devised before a judgement was made, rather than it being left to sometime in the future.

The evidence of the Three Mile Island incident, studied by the inquiry, proved that the potential for human error could not be ignored or shunted to one side. It had an important part to play in reaching a decision.

The report had recomended publication of a pre-structure safety report. Would that happen and, if so, when could it be expected? If a decision was to be made in the absence of such a report the House was entitled to know.

What steps was the Government taking prior to a decison on Sizewell B to ensure that the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate could fulfil its crucial role in monitoring the safety of existing plants?

On training, he said that the report recommended that fuel loading should not start until at least a year after a simulator for Sizewell B had been installed and was ready for use by training operators. That pointed to the fact that training, which was obviously necessary, would affect the cost and also that there must be some danger because of the priority it had been given.

The report also raised issues of defence and air traffic around the site and of the intolerable risks if both generators were to get out of synchronization.

"It would be better, safer and be more economically sound not to have to pursue these drastic measures and they need not be if the Government was not politically concentrated on weakening the market for coal."

All those safety issues had been raised before Chernobyl. How much more stringent would the recommendations in the report have been if evidence could have been taken on the effect of that accident?

No one any longer believed that the economic benefits justified the risks involved. Latest estimates showed that two-thirds of the public were opposed to any increase in nuclear power. They did not believe the risks were worth taking.

"On every criterion, on economic grounds and on safety grounds, the case against Sizewell B is strengthened. For the Government to go ahead would be to fly in face of all rational estimates of our future needs. We urge the Government to reject the recommendation of the report and, if its decides to go ahead, we will reverse it and bring to an end delays in strengthening our electricity generating capacity by giving the go-ahead to a programme for modern, clean, coal-fired power stations."

Mr David Howell (Guildford, C), a former Secretary of State for Energy, said that the Opposition were making two charges, the first relating to Chernobyl, its outcome and the lessons to be drawn from it, and the second relating to changes in the economics of the situation since March 1985.

Chernobyl had been a major disaster, but fortunately the Russians had been explicit in setting out what had been the nature of the problem and what went wrong.

The first point was that a PWR involved completely different technology from the pressure-tube reactor (PTR) in use at Chernobyl. The PTR system, developed from the military, had been rejected by all Western countries 40 years ago.

The PTR was admitted to be unstable if operated below 700 megawatts and the Soviet authorities gave appropriate instructions to the operators.

That reliance on avoidance of human error was in no way the pattern in Magnox or AGR or any other design in the United Kingdom. Nothing like it was built here, so there was no comparison with Chernobyl and that accident did not invalidate the argument for Sizewell B.

An important question was: how heavily did the country want to rely upon coal in the 1990s? The nation had learnt bitter lessons and needed a more balanced electricity generating programme in future – containing, possibly, a greater nuclear element.

If nuclear capacity were built and operated efficiently, it would probably produce cheaper electricity.

Nuclear power in the West had proved safer than many other forms of power generation.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, flatly disagreed with Mr Howell's conclusions.

Over the past 20 years, he said, the CEGB's estimates of demand had contained an overall error of 26 per cent. They had always been overestimates.

That made opinion polling an exact science by comparison (laughter).

"We cannot rest our case upon the track record of the industry in forecasting demand."

Even if the board had got it right this time, constructing a PWR would be a wholly inappropriate response.

There was no need for the further commercial expansion of nuclear-power production in the immediate future and therefore the Alliance would not proceed with this proposal.

It was widely accepted that Sir Frank's assumptions of costs and benefits had been superceded by events since the end of the inquiry.

The overwhelming probability was that, even if the PWR was built on time, which had not yet been managed for any single British reactor, and even if its capital costs did not increase further and its availability over its lifetime was as promised, it would still prove to be a burden and not a benefit to the electricity consumer.

The correct course for the Government to adopt would be to invite private participation in the enterprise, as it had done with the Channel tunnel and other major developments. If the Government had the courage of its convictions, that was the course it should pursue.

Since Chernobyl, the costs built into the project for insurance had multiplied. One estimate was that they had risen tenfold since the Layfield costings had been done.

Emergency procedures and disposal of nuclear waste were far from clear. The Alliance parties were certainly not convinced of the case for Sizewell on economic or safety grounds.

Services 'same as before'

All the evidence after deregulation of bus operations last year was that the level of services throughout the country was broadly the same as before, although there were minor variations, **Mr David Mitchell**, Minister of State for Transport, said during questions

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said that the Crossville company in Liverpool had been buying secondhand, bad, old buses from Birmingham. Workers had refused to drive them and had now been dismissed.

This unemployment was a result, purely, of the Government's deregulation policies

Mr Mitchell said Crossville had bought 10 secondhand buses which, during the previous few weeks, had been on the roads in the Birmingham area driven by members of the Transport and General Workers' Union (Conservative laughter and cries of "Oh!").

Fallon fails to obtain debate on the Leyland Truck-DAF joint venture

Mr Michael Fallon (Darlington, C) was unsuccesful in seeking an emergency debate on the financial terms of the proposed Leyland Truck-DAF joint venture.

He said that several thousand people were involved, 2,000 of whom would lose their jobs in the industry. The matter was urgent because unless the Commons had an opportunity to debate the joint venture the proposals would be formalized in the next few days.

"This is one of the largest privatization measures of this Parliament and, whatever one's view of privatization, one cannot accept that this should take place without the endorsement of Parliament other than the brief statement made last week."

He did not want a Dutch company, simply by executive decision, to be given free of charge and free of debate substantial public assets and a 23 per cent share of the United Kingdom market and a virtual monopoly of component supply within that market.

"Had that been done by a Bill or Order questions could have been asked about the terms of the proposals, the structure of the board of the joint venture and the obligations of the principals concerned to competitive purchasing."

● **AMERICAN "PLOT"**: An attempt by **Mr Andrew Faulds** (Warley East, Lab) to get an emergency debate on the alleged American plot to kill Colonel Gadaffi last year failed in the Commons, during exchanges in which **Mr Faulds** shouted angrily at the Government Front Bench: "She gets away with murder".

Mr Faulds said that he had been unable to give notice of his application before noon, as normal, because it had only come to his notice in one of the daily journals, while he was travelling to the House (Conservative laughter).

"Their main reading is is *Beano*", he said, "but I was reading one of the quality newspapers."

Conservative MPs: *Dandy*.

Mr Faulds added that since the train did not arrive until after 12, he could not raise it earlier.

"It is now clear that the President of the United States intended to kill President Gadaffi . . ."

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): Among my many responsibilities, that is not one, and it was certainly known before 12 (laughter).

Mr Faulds continued to press the matter, and was told by the **Speaker**: You set a very bad example.

Later he asked Mr Faulds to resume his seat, and Mr Faulds did so.

● **ZIRCON REPORT**: The role of the investigative journalist in the wake of the secret Zircon spy satellite programme by Mr Duncan Campbell, which was also reported on in the *New Statesman*, was criticized during Commons questions.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) asked if it was fair to believe in the divine rights of the investigative journalist. What would have been thought and said and done if prewar journalists had betrayed the secret of radar?

Sir Patrick Mayhew, Solicitor General: That is an extremely important point. It is all very well for us to pay careful attention to the rights of the free press and freedom of speech.

What tends to receive very much less vocal support and recognition is the need for this country to protect its essential security interests.

Earlier, Sir Patrick told **Mr Tam Dalyell** (Linlithgow, Lab) that he had first known of the police raid on the offices of the BBC in Glasgow on the morning of Sunday February 1.

Mr Dalyell asked if it had dawned on the Government that the raid was an illegal act. Why did ministers think they knew better than Professor Robert Black.

Tunnel worry for industry in North

The importance of having a facility for rail traffic using the Channel Tunnel to travel straight through London to the North was emphasized by **Mr Michael Meadowcroft** (Leeds West, L) and accepted by **Mr John Moore**, Secretary of State for Transport, during questions.

Mr Moore said that Euro-Tunnel's contractors, Transmanche Link, had already placed orders worth £6.4 million for the first two tunnel-boring machines with James Howden and Co of Glasgow and £1.2 million for locomotives with Hunslet Engineering Co in Yorkshire.

"Letters of intent placed with those two companies total a further £8.5 million. In all, orders for equipment and materials for EuroTunnel are likely to account for some 7,000 to 8,000 jobs, and orders for British Rail another 2,000 to 2,500 jobs outside the South-east during the construction period."

Mr Anthony Favell (Stockport, C): That is good news for the North, but what will be the effect on jobs in the North and Scotland after the tunnel is opened?

Mr Moore: It will depend on the degree to which British manufacturing and commercial industry utilizes the tremendous advantages of being able to move goods from the United Kingdom to Europe, to which 62 per cent of our trade goes. They will have that unique advantage for the first time, and I hope that they benefit from it.

Mr James Lamond (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab): Will the minister bear in mind the reservations of many borough councils in the North-west, including Oldham, and their concern that the rail network should be sufficiently strengthened to make it economic to situate industry in that area, and thus gain advantage from the tunnel?

Mr Moore: Of course I will.

Hattersley hammers at VAT

By Robin Oakley Political Editor

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Chancellor, developed yesterday what is becoming Labour's election theme on economic policy, claiming that, whatever tax cuts were made in next month's Budget, a Conservative government if re-elected would be forced to reimpose higher taxes, probably in the form of an increased rate of VAT.

Mr Hattersley said that the Prime Minister and her Treasury team had refused to deny what he called a "statement" made by one of their Cabinet colleagues that if the Tories won again they would make large increases in VAT.

Their "proposals", he said would cost £34 billion, requiring a VAT rate of 60 per cent.

Mr Hattersley, who was speaking at the Truro by-election, was referring to stories in two national newspapers, which the Prime Minister has said she read with surprise and did not recognize, that alleged that the Conservatives were planning to take many millions more out of paying income tax, financing the process by large increases in VAT.

Greenwich by-election

Labour aims for sympathy

By Richard Evans Political Correspondent

With the latest opinion poll in the Greenwich by-election last night putting the Alliance within just four points of a famous victory, the Labour Party attempted to turn the "dirty tricks" campaign aimed at its candidate into a last-minute sympathy vote-winner.

Mrs Deirdre Wood, the hard-left candidate who was reduced to tears at the weekend by press inquiries about the death of her father due to alcoholic poisoning, fended off questions yesterday about why she had lived in a council flat for two years while owning a spacious house.

She was then told by a Labour colleague at the press conference that journalists were pestering her sick 71-year-old father-in-law. "I think it is absolutely disgraceful", she told reporters. "You have sunk so low."

She said she had moved her children to her father-in-law's to prevent their being harassed by reporters, "but obviously they have found out where I have moved them to".

Mr Peter Shore, the shadow Leader of the Commons, predicted that the "unbridled, unprincipled and despicable" attacks on Mrs Wood would rebound to her advantage. "I can't recall a by-election which has had so many personal and unpleasant aspects to it", he added.

With no sign of the personal attacks on Mrs Wood ending, Labour openly accused the Alliance camp of being behind much of the mud-slinging – an accusation backed up by the Conservatives.

A BBC *Newsnight* poll in Greenwich last night gave Labour 43 per cent, the SDP/Lib Alliance 39 per cent and the Conservatives 16 per cent.

Conducted on Saturday with 914 face-to-face interviews, the biggest sample taken during the by-election, it also reveals the up to 40 per cent of the voters still committed to voting Conservative say they are prepared to vote tactically.

That almost certainly means that the Mrs Rosie Barnes, the Alliance candidate, will attract further support from the Conservatives in the run up to the poll on Thursday.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said in the consituency: "I think the Alliance have this tradition, which is farily well documented, of some very curious tactics".

But Mrs Rosie Barnes, the Alliance candidate, pleaded innocence and said: "I very much regret the turn in the press we have seen over the last few days with personal attacks on the Labour candidate in areas which are not relevant to this campaign.

"I have stuck to the issue of the candidate's track record in political terms. I feel there is quite enough ammunition there."

● **The Prime Minister yesterday "utterly deplored" personal attacks on all people in public life and their families "from whatever source they come".**

Mrs Thatcher said she knew too well from bitter experience the grief that personal abuse and attacks could cause.

Her remarks were in response to a letter from Mrs Janey Buchan, a Labour EuropeanMP, which was also signed by other women, including Dame Peggy Ashcroft and other actresses, academics and scientists. In it they complained of "unprincipled and cynical" treatment of Mrs Wood by some newspapers.

General election: N G Barnett (Lab), 13,361; A Rolfe (C), 12,150; T Ford (SDP All), 8,783; I Dell (BNP), 259; R Mallone (Fellowship), 242; Miss F Hook (Comm), 149. Lab maj: 1,211.

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Select committees 'are at risk'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The chairman of the parliamentary select committee's governing body said yesterday that a new government could try to dismantle the whole select committee system.

The committees were set up in their present form in 1979 to scrutinize the work of government and to restore the balance of power between Parliament and the executive. They have proved a considerable success and also, on occasion, a considerable embarrassment to the Government.

Speaking at the Policy Studies Institute, Mr Terence Higgins, chairman of the liaison group of select committee chairmen, suggested that they may have been too successful for their own good.

"We must recognize there may be a danger when a new parliament comes in. It may well be that the party machinery may feel that this additional scrutiny is not something they are entirely enthusiastic about", he said.

A government that tried to curb the committees' powers would have two advantages.

There would be many new MPs who knew little of the value of select committee work and those MPs would be reluctant to support the committees in the lobbies if that meant voting against their whips.

"We are going to go through a very difficult period each time a new parliament comes in", he said, adding that he was unsure of the committees' ability to resist.

"It's important to stress the valuable work that the committees have been doing."

Mr Higgins claimed that the select committee system, now in operation for nearly two full parliaments, had worked "remarkably well".

It had proved effective as an instrument of scrutiny. It had improved the performance of civil servants. The committee reports had been influential.

He praised the co-operation of successive leaders of the House, but called on the Government to consider giving the committees more money for foreign travel and more time to have their reports debated on the floor of the House.

At present more than 20 committees have to bargain among themselves each year for the £343,000 allocated for travel. Three days are given for debating reports.

Speed limit scheme for coaches

The Department of Transport had been involved in the preparation of a British standard for speed limiters for coaches and expected to be able to consult interested parties on regulation based on a draft British standard within the next two months, **Mr Peter Bottomley**, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said during question time in the Commons.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells, C) said that on the Continent the tachograph record was used as a way of making on-the-spot speed checks. That was a cheap and simple system avoiding the need for additional equipment.

Mr Bottomley said that tachographs by themselves were not sufficient evidence for prosecutions for speeding.

Mr Greville Janner (Leicester West, Lab) said that he recognized the importance of speed limits for coaches and buses, but most accidents happened at speeds well below those which could be achieved by the fitting of governors.

Mr Bottomley agreed.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Ministry of Defence Police Bill, remaining stages. Debate on EEC proposals on the provision of free food to the needy.

Lords (2.30): Local Government Finance Bill, committee, second day.

Hickmet apology to the Speaker

Mr Richard Hickmet (Glanford and Scunthorpe, C) apologized in the Commons for remarks he made outside the House on Friday in which he criticized the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill).

Mr Hickmet, in a personal statement to the House, said he wished to withdraw his remarks.

"I now realize how seriously I have offended you (the Speaker) and the House and wish most sincerely to apologize to you and the House for my remarks which I unreservedly withdraw" (cheers).

The Speaker: "I thank you for your withdrawal and I fully accept what you have said".

Mr Hickmet was reported to have said that the Speaker had not lifted a finger to prevent attacks on the Prime Minister and asked why he intervened immediately as soon as a campaign against Mr Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, was mounted.

In accordance with the tradition of the House on personal statements, there was no discussion on Mr Hickmet's statement.

Dues will not hurt shipping

The 14 per cent light dues announced earlier this month would not damage the shipping industry and would have no direct financial effect on the port industry, Mr Michael Spicer, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said during Commons questions.

In reply to Mr Roger Stott (Wigan, Lab), who asked the consequence of the increase, he said: Well over 80 per cent of light dues are paid by foreign registered ships.

More money for airports

Investment of £80 million in airports in the Midlands since 1979 was generating valuable new business for the region, Mr Michael Spicer, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said during questions in the Commons. That compared with a total investment at all regional airports under the last Labour Government of £16 million.

At Birmingham airport, there were 180 direct scheduled services a week to 17 foreign destinations. Passenger traffic in 1986 was up by more than 25 per cent. At East Midlands airport, 34 scheduled weekly services went to five overseas destinations and passenger traffic there last year was up by more than 20 per cent.

Cash help for Aids project

The Government has recently given £250,000 to the World Health Organization's Global Aids Programme, Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, said in a Commons written reply.

He said that new WHO proposals for expanding this programme would be available shortly and he expected to provide further support. "We believe that support for programmes co-ordinated by the WHO is the most effective way of assisting developing countries to combat Aids."

Rise in food exports

Peers welcomed the increase in sales of British food abroad after Lord Hesketh, a Government spokesman, told them the results of promotions by Food From Britain.

He said that in the past two years these had led to direct sales worth more than £30 million to Benelux, France, West Germany and the United States. In 1985 total food exports to those markets rose by 9 per cent compared with 1984.

Tube travel up by 30%

Travel on London's Underground trains had increased by something like 30 per cent since 1983 and was now at record levels, Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, said during questions in the Commons.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) had earlier drawn attention to the size of the latest increase in LRT fares – 0.5 per cent – compared with the increase of 100 per cent introduced by the Greater London Council when it was still the overlord of the system. "It is to the eternal satisfaction of London that LRT have been put in place."

More London staff needed

The Crown Prosecution Service needs to recruit more professional staff in London, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Solicitor General, said in a written Commons reply. He said that the foundations had been laid for a professional, dedicated and efficient service, but much remained to be done.

"The new service will need some time to achieve everywhere the efficiency that has been reached in most of England and Wales already."

Police cash

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said in the Commons that he has approved estimates providing for net revenue spending by the Metropolitan Police next year of £929,081,000.

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Train drivers to win rights on claims over suicides

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government looks set to agree to a change in the law so train drivers who suffer nervous shock after running over suicide victims can claim compensation.

Train drivers are barred in cases of suicide on the railways from claiming under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme because they are not strictly victims of a crime of violence.

But yesterday Mr David Mellor, Minister of the State at the Home Office, said that the Government was thinking of widening the scheme to include train drivers who suffer from serious mental anguish.

The Government is also expected to announce today that children who are the victims of physical abuse should be able to claim compensation even where there is no prosecution brought against the attacker.

The changes are likely to be announced during debate on the Criminal Justice Bill and in response to an amendment tabled by Opposition MPs to widen the scheme to include train drivers.

About 400 people a year in England and Wales commit or try to commit suicide on railway lines.

Only drivers who can demonstrate they have a genuine case, backed by medical evidence, of nervous shock rather than just being upset, would be successful in claiming compensation.

Last May four train drivers who had each run someone over and killed them brought test cases before the Court of Appeal. All four suffered "psychiatric injury" directly attributable to the death they had accidentally caused.

But the judges upheld the refusal of a lower court to allow them to challenge the decision of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board not to award compensation.

The Court of Appeal ruled it was the nature of the crime and not its likely consequences which determined whether it was a crime of violence. But Mr Mellor indicated that the Government would now look at the consequences in such cases.

In the case of children, the rules of the compensation board exclude claims that do not involve a prosecution.

But Mr Mellor said: "There are cases where no prosecution is brought, for instance where a woman does not want to turn in her lover, and we don't think it right that the child should automatically be ruled out from claiming compensation just because the mother has acted in a certain way".

Under the Criminal Justice Bill the Government seeks to put the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme on a statutory basis. Until now the scheme has been run on a discretionary basis but under the Bill people who are the victims of crime will for the first time have a statutory right to compensation.

New figures announced yesterday showed a huge rise in the use and in the cost of the scheme, although it is estimated that only one third of those eligible come forward.

System of 'stand by' jurors to be altered

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Home Secretary has agreed to fetter the right of the prosecution to ask jurors to "stand by" for the Crown.

The move is likely to be crucial in determining whether the Government's proposals on abolishing defence challenges are accepted by MPs. There has been widespread criticism, from bodies such as the Criminal Bar Association and the Law Society, that to abolish the defence right of challenge while leaving the Crown right of "stand by" intact would create a serious imbalance.

In a letter yesterday to Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour spokesman on Home Affairs, Mr Douglas Hurd says he has accepted that the Government's proposals have implications for the right of "stand by".

Draft guidelines, drawn up by the Attorney General, will go before MPs on Thursday during a debate on that section of the Criminal Justice Bill.

Under the guidelines, the Crown would be able to ask jurors to stand by only in a jury-vetting case, such as an official secrets trial; or "where a person is about to be sworn as a juror who is manifestly unfitted" – for instance if a juror in a very complex case was found to be illiterate.

Yesterday Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, said that the guidelines could be modified so that "manifestly unfitted" jurors were excluded only where both Crown and defence agreed.

Although some opposition MPs are pressing for the right of "stand by" to be removed entirely, Mr Mellor said there was no need. The system worked reasonably well and was not abused.

Mr Jeffrey Small, who hopes to open a museum at his home in Ludlow, Shropshire, for his 5,000 milk bottles, including the oldest known specimen (second from left) found on a ship which sank off Plymouth in 1850 (Photograph: Philip Dunn).

Husband 'told second wife of killing'

A husband killed his wife and kept the murder secret for 21 years, until he made the classic mistake of telling his second wife, a court was told yesterday.

Bryn Masterman killed his first wife, Janet, to be free of a marriage and a woman he no longer wanted, Mr Brian Appleby, QC, for the prosecution, said at Nottingham Crown Court.

But he confided in the woman he subsequently married that he had killed his wife for her. When their relationship deteriorated, the second wife became bitter and told the police, Mr Masterman said.

She arranged to meet Mr Masterman with a police microphone hidden on her. A tape recording of the conversation was later played to the jury.

Mr Masterman, aged 47, of Newland Street West, Lincoln, has pleaded not guilty to murder.

Mr Appleby said that Mr Masterman, who married his first wife in 1960, met his second wife, Selina, in 1963 at the Boots factory in Nottingham where they worked. Within a short time they had begun an affair.

His first wife was aware of the affair and threatened to take the children and return to live with her mother. At the same time Selina was reluctant to take him from his wife and children.

Mr Appleby said that Mr Masterman pushed Janet, then aged 25, downstairs at their Nottingham home on May 27, 1965. She was found seriously injured and admitted to hospital but died on May 30.

A post-mortem examination found that she had bruises to the side and back of her head. Her skull was fractured and there was a brain contusion. The inquest came to the conclusion that her death was accidental.

That decision was reached largely on the evidence given by Mr Masterman. He told the coroner that they had been planning to move house and tacks on the top part of the stair carpet had been removed so it could be taken up.

Mr Masterman and Selina married in September 1966, but arguments became more frequent and by last February the marriage was clearly breaking up. They separated on May 23 last year.

Mr Appleby said that Selina questioned Mr Masterman about the circumstances surrounding his first wife's death. She told police that he allegedly said they had argued in bed and he had struck her with a small stool.

When confronted by a senior police officer Mr Masterman allegedly replied: "Good Lord!" He told officers it was all a mistake and that she had fallen downstairs. But during subsequent interviews, little by little, the truth came out, Mr Appleby said.

Mr Justice Boreham, barristers, solicitors and the jury were issued with headphones to listen to the tape recording. At one point asked by Selina if he regrets the death of his first wife, he replies "yes ... because it is something I can barely live with".

The hearing continues today.

Cancer test 'could save 2,000 lives each year'

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The Government was accused yesterday of failing to support a new cancer screening test which a charity claims could help to save the lives of 2,000 women a year.

The charity, Quest for a Test for Cancer, launched a campaign to raise £2 million towards funding a large-scale final clinical trial of the test which, it said, can detect very early stages of cervical cancer more efficiently than existing methods.

The campaign, which is being backed by MPs from all parties, aims to persuade the Government and the National Health Service to introduce an annual cervical screening programme using the new test.

Dr Andrew Sincock, the charity's research director, said the test detects pre-cancer in apparently normal human cells with the use of a staining technique that causes the nuclei of those cells to appear darker than in healthy cells.

A machine called an integrating microdensitometer scans the nuclei and evaluates whether cells are pre-cancerous or not, and how potentially malignant they are. A computer is used to store and analyse the results.

Present cervical screening involves clinicians examining smears for abnormal-looking cells.

Dr Sincock, of the Middlesex Hospital, London, said his method was faster, more reliable and more cost-effective than existing techniques.

Mrs Jean Pitt, the founder of the charity, said: "The Government spends £30 million a year on a screening system which is far from perfect. The money we need is peanuts by comparison but could help save the lives of many women and save the NHS a great deal of money."

Dismissed bank clerk 'disruptive'

The manager of a Russian bank threatened to "fill in" an employee for spending too much time at union meetings, a resumed industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Tony Palmer, aged 37, is claiming unfair dismissal from the Moscow Narodny bank, central London, saying he lost his job in August 1986 for being "too left wing". He said no times were allocated for his meetings as health and safety officer for the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union.

Mr Palmer, a Narodny clerk for 16 years, alleged Mr Colin Culmstock, the manager, threatened to "fill him in" as he telephoned a client. But Mr Culmstock denied that, saying the bank clerk spent too much time away from his duties.

He said: "Mr Palmer had previously been treated with kid gloves ... I treat members of my staff who arrive for work one minute after the stroke of nine as being late".

Mr Culmstock said Mr Palmer once telexed nearly £1 million into a wrong account. The basic mistake was noticed and easily retrieved, he added, but Mr Palmer found taking criticism difficult.

Previously, it had been alleged Mr Palmer, of Darwin Drive, Tonbridge, Kent, was a disruptive influence who worked at an erratic speed: one year he was late 63 times and away sick 86 times.

The Ebury Bridge hearing in south-west London continues

Woman jockey's death 'a tragedy'

By Peter Davenport

A leading woman jockey died by "tragic mischance" during a race in which she was riding a horse trained by her father, an inquest was told yesterday.

Miss Jayne Thompson, aged 22, was thrown from her mount at the Catterick Bridge course in North Yorkshire and suffered severe head injuries in spite of wearing the jockey's skull cap.

She died six days later, the first woman jockey to be fatally injured on a British course since women were licensed to race a decade ago.

Mr Michael Sheffield, the coroner, described her death as a "tragic mischance".

After the inquest at Middlesbrough, Cleveland, at which a jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure, Miss Thompson's mother, Mrs Joan Thompson, disclosed that she had urged her daughter to give up the sport after she fell in a race six months earlier. But she rejected the appeal, even threatening to leave home if her mother persisted in trying to persuade her to quit.

The inquest was told that Miss Thompson was riding Hot Betty, a six-year-old mare, at Catterick Bridge last November. It was trained by her father, Mr Ron Thompson, at his racing stables at Stainforth, near Doncaster, Yorkshire, and was half-owned by her mother.

It was Miss Thompson's three hundredth race under Jockey Club rules, although she had ridden almost 1,000 races altogether.

The mare clipped the top of the first hurdle and then "crumpled" on landing, pitching Miss Thompson over its head and on to the ground at an angle of 45 degrees.

There was evidence of her being trampled and after first aid at the course she was taken to a local hospital before being transferred to the neurosurgical unit at the Middlesbrough General Hospital in a coma. Six days later, after a brain stem test, she was pronounced dead.

Last night, Dr Michael Allen, medical consultant to the Jockey Club, said he was satisfied that all regulations regarding safety and medical arrangements had been fully complied with at Catterick.

Dr Allen said a Jockey Club investigation had concluded that there was no failure of equipment to blame for Miss Thompson's death.

Dr Allen, who is also chairman of the British Standards Institution committee on helmet design, said that although improvements were constantly being made no enhanced design of safety helmet could have prevented Miss Thompson's death.

The severity of the injuries had been caused by the acute angle at which her head struck the ground while her horse was travelling at speed.

Hop growing: 2

Output outlook uncertain

*In the second and last article on the plight of England's hop growers, **John Young, Agriculture Correspondent**, looks at prospects for a recovery in demand and prices.*

In 1982 an era came to and end when, after 50 years, the statutory Hops Marketing Board was wound up and replaced by a co-operative, English Hops Limited. The change was largely at the behest of the EEC, and was resented as yet another piece of bureaucratic interference from Brussels.

Growers' fears might seem to have been confirmed by the fact that their numbers have fallen by about a fifth since the board was abolished. But it is hard to see how the old cosy arrangement between the board and growers could have survived in today's climate.

In the good old days when traditional British beers were part of the national culture, and lager was an effete drink of foreigners, the board would negotiate a guaranteed price with growers, based on the estimated average cost of production plus a 15 per cent profit margin.

The brewers would indicate their expected demand to the board, and each grower would be allocated a quota.

During the 1970s the brewers began to switch to forward contracts with individual growers. At a time of roaring inflation, that made life extremely difficult for growers, whose troubles were augmented by the rapid growth in imports of German hops, ich were not only competitive but seen as more suitable for brewing lager, sales of which were booming.

The declining demand for British beers also meant that many breweries had overstocked.

The revival in taste for "real ale" helped to raise the demand for English aroma hops, but those beers are mainly produced by small breweries and, as Mr Ian Wordsworth, chief executive of English Hops, says: "The trouble with small breweries is that they are small".

There is a world-wide glut of hops. Brief fears of a shortage in the 1980s, after West Germany and the United States cut production, caused prices to set new records, but they have since fallen to what most growers see as uneconomic levels.

There is some hope that the market will stabilize over the next two years, and prices improve. But that will mean a smaller number of efficient producers, and some marginal growers will not survive.

English hop fields are claimed to be the most productive in Europe. The credit for much of that is freely given to the outstanding research of Wye College, near Maidstone, the agricultural department of London University.

The import of continental hops for lager making has just about been balanced by booming exports to the old Commonwealth, to Africa and to China, where beer drinking is starting to catch on.

Ironically, increases in efficiency tend to benefit the customer rather than the producer. "Although our business is selling hops, we are totally dependent upon sales of the end product", Mr Wordsworth says.

There is undoubtedly a feeling among many growers that the big brewers have done much less than they could to halt the decline in beer consumption, which has fallen by 10 per cent since 1980. Most of them also have interests in lager which, since it uses a third fewer hops, and sells at an average 10p a pint premium, is decidedly more profitable than bitter.

They are also part of multinational groups, which in the late 1980s may have more attractive priorities than supplying the working man with his pint.

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THE NEW NATIONAL INSURANCE RATES

Every tax year National Insurance contributions are changed in line with increased Social Security benefits. These are the changes which come into effect on 6 April 1987.

EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS (Class 1)

Percentage rates will be unchanged, but the lower and upper earnings limits will rise to £39 and £295 a week. The earnings brackets will also change.

	EMPLOYEE'S TOTAL WEEKLY EARNINGS (OR MONTHLY OR YEARLY EQUIVALENT)	NOT CONTRACTED-OUT (PAYABLE AT THIS RATE ON ALL EARNINGS)	CONTRACTED-OUT	
			FIRST £39	OVER £39
Employee	£39.00 to £64.99	5%	5%	2.85%
	£65.00 to £99.99	7%	7%	4.85%
	£100.00 to £295.00	9%	9%	6.85%
Employer	£39.00 to £64.99	5%	5%	0.9%
	£65.00 to £99.99	7%	7%	2.9%
	£100.00 to £149.99	9%	9%	4.9%
	£150.00 or more	10.45%	10.45%	6.35%*

*Employers pay the not contracted-out rate on earnings above £295 a week for employees who are contracted-out. There is no upper earnings limit for employers' contributions.

New contribution tables are being sent to employers, together with leaflet NI.208 giving the contribution rates, a new edition of leaflet NP.15 "Employer's guide to National Insurance contributions," SMP 55 "SMP table of dates" and SSP 55 "SSP rates and notes."

If you haven't received them by 20 March contact:

1. Your Social Security office for not-contracted out tables (CF 391) and SMP 55 and SSP 55, or

2. Contracted-out Employments Group, DHSS, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE98 1YX for contracted-out tables (CF 392).

DO NOT USE THE PRESENT RED TABLES FOR EARNINGS AFTER 5 APRIL. THE NEW TABLES, FOR USE FROM 6 APRIL, WILL BE GREEN.

SELF-EMPLOYED (Class 2 and 4)

Class 2 contributions will go up to £3.85 a week from 6 April. If you expect your earnings in 1987/88 to be less than £2,125 you may be able to get an exception from liability. Ask at your Social Security office for leaflet NI.27A "People with small earnings from self-employment."

Class 4 contributions will stay at the same rate: 6.3 per cent of profits between the lower and upper limits, which are raised to £4,590 and £15,340 for 1987/88.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS (Class 3)

Class 3 contributions will go up to £3.75 a week from 6 April.

FULL DETAILS OF CONTRIBUTION CHANGES – SEE LEAFLET NI.208, APRIL 1987 EDITION, AVAILABLE AT POST OFFICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES.

STATUTORY SICK PAY (SSP)

New rates from 6 April 1987 – 5 April 1988 are:

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	SSP WEEKLY RATE
£76.50 or more	£47.20 (standard)
£39.00 – £76.49	£32.85 (lower)
less than £39.00	NIL – employee is not eligible for SSP

The middle rate of SSP has been abolished from 6 April 1987. See SSP 55 for details.

STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY (SMP)

From 6 April 1987 employers must pay Statutory Maternity Pay to employees who qualify and whose babies are due on or after 21 June 1987. SMP can be paid for a maximum of 18 weeks. There are two rates:

HIGHER WEEKLY RATE	LOWER WEEKLY RATE
90% of employee's normal weekly earnings	£32.85

COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO SSP AND SMP.

The rate of compensation from 6 April will be 7 per cent for SSP and SMP.

For further information see also leaflets NI.227 "Employer's guide to Statutory Sick Pay" and NI.257 "Employer's guide to Statutory Maternity Pay."

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WORLD SUMMARY

British corporal jailed and caned

Nairobi (AP) – A British Army corporal was jailed for 15 months yesterday for assaulting a Kenyan and behaving in a disorderly manner at Nairobi's Central Police Station.

Nairobi magistrate Mr Eric Oluoch Ogwang also ruled that Paul Walker, aged 28, receive three strokes of the cane.

Sean Hughes, a fellow Parachute Regiment corporal, was jailed for three months for disorderly conduct.

Walker and Hughes, aged 20, denied assaulting a Nairobi automobile mechanic and shouting racial slurs at him outside a Nairobi nightclub. Both men were assigned to Parachute Regiment training in Kenya.

The soldiers' lawyer, Mr Richard Omwela, said they were remorseful and has already been punished by their dismissal from the British Army.

French TV deal

Paris – The new contracts for France's two commercial channels, La Cinq and TV 6, were announced yesterday by the French broadcasting authority (Susan MacDonald writes).

The contract for La Cinq was awarded to M Robert Hersant, owner of France's biggest newspaper empire, in conjunction with Signor Silvio Berlusconi, and the TV 6 contract went to M Jean Drucker's Métropole TV.

Press in uproar

Brussels (Reuter) – Belgium's press was in uproar yesterday over a weekend raid on the offices of a newspaper and the homes of 23 of its journalists by police seeking to identify an official who leaked details of a tax evasion affair.

The raid on the offices of the left-wing daily *De Morgen* was condemned unanimously by the media as a move to intimidate journalists, but was defended by the Justice Minister, Mr Jean Gol, as legal.

Snow shutdown

Washington (Reuter) – Another snowstorm swept the north-east coast of the United States yesterday, closing down the Government for the third time in a month and forcing the postponement of a Treasury report on how the national budget fared in January.

The Federal Government decided at dawn that only "essential" workers were required to report, and an estimated 350,000 stayed at home after more than a foot of snow fell on the main cities along the Atlantic coast.

Star dies

Setúbal (AP) – The Portuguese folk singer, José "Zeca" Afonso (right), aged 57, whose song *Grandola, Vila Morena*, is credited with launching the 1974 coup that ended 50 years of authoritarian rule, died yesterday of a heart attack (AP reports). "This is very sad news", President Soares said.

Catholic peace bid

Manila (Reuter) – Philippine government peace negotiators yesterday sought help from senior figures within the Roman Catholic church in a bid for a lasting truce with communist rebels. The officials met a delegation of bishops from across the Philippines to discuss plans for opening regional talks with the rebels. Talks at national level ended in deadlock last month.

Winning migrants

Washington (AFP) – A "lottery" for immigration visas to the United States drew more than 1.3 million applications, the State Department said, listing the 10,000 "winners".

Ireland with 3,112 and Canada with 2,078 visas granted headed the list, followed by Britain with 1,181. The lottery, staged under a new immigration law, was open to people from 36 specified countries.

Iran claims advance

Bahrain – Iran claimed yesterday its forces were pushing forward towards the southern Iraqi port city of Basra, after a surprise attack on Sunday, and had also launched a big operation in the Kurdistan region of northern Iraq (Reuter reports).

There was no immediate word in Baghdad on the reported attacks, in which Tehran said Iraq had lost at least 4,000 men killed or wounded. But an Iraqi High Command spokesman said Iran had violated an unofficial truce in attacks on population centres, hitting Basra.

Mr Iosif Begun being welcomed home by friends at a Moscow railway station yesterday.

Hint of opposition to reform campaign in Soviet military

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The first public hint that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's radical reform programme is meeting resistance inside the Soviet Army, as in other important sectors of the system, was provided in a *Pravda* article yesterday by the veteran Defence Minister, Marshal Sergei Sokolov.

"Shortcomings in the work of officials pointed out at the January plenum (of the Communist Party's Central Committee) are also present in the armed forces," the marshal stated in an article marking armed forces day. "Not all of our commanders, political instructors and staff officers have fully realized the essence of reconstruction, defined their role and position in it, understood that it is necessary to begin with themselves."

Marshal Sokolov, who at the age of 75 is soon expected to be replaced as the Soviet defence chief, said that military training schools would play an important role in the reconstruction drive. As yet, it has not been made clear to what extent the process of democratization now under way is expected to apply to the armed forces.

Despite the outspoken criticism of those not entering into the spirit of the sweeping reform programme, Marshal Sokolov claimed that the armed forces fully backed the decisions of the plenum, which were designed to upgrade the efficiency of party work and stem abuses of power by officials long used to special privileges.

Resistance to Mr Gorbachov's liberalization drive inside the KGB has already been noted by Western commentators, and was seen as one explanation for the unnecessarily brutal attacks against Soviet citizens and Western reporters during recent peaceful protests by Jewish dissidents in the centre of Moscow.

Marshal Sokolov: expected to be replaced soon.

● **BRUSSELS:** The EEC yesterday welcomed moves by Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, towards a "more open and humane society" in Russia, but called for continued Western vigilance and a careful monitoring of the Soviet reform process (Richard Owen writes).

At a meeting of EEC foreign ministers, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said the West was witnessing only the beginning of a process whose scale and outcome were as yet unknown. It was not yet clear whether we were seeing simply a new style of Soviet diplomacy "or something more profound," he said.

Sir Geoffrey said the West had to continue to defend its interests firmly and coherently. "There can be no question of sacrificing those interests so as to encourage Mr Gorbachov down the road of reform."

M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the French Foreign Minister, who is a former French Ambassador to Moscow, also welcomed signs of liberalism in Russia, but called for "double vigilance".

Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, cautioned, however, that the West should seek to give Mr Gorbachov the benefit of the doubt.

Paris terror trial opens

Abdullah walks out in 'executioner' tirade

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, the alleged leader of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction (Farl), yesterday walked out of a special non-jury terrorist court just two hours after it began to try him for murder, refusing to listen to "representatives of the Yankee executioner".

His carefully planned walkout followed a 20-minute tirade in near-perfect French against the "imperialist aggression" of the US and its "Zionist guard-dog" in the Middle East.

Abdullah, dressed in a khaki anorak and jeans and looking confident and at ease in the ornate 19th century courtroom, questioned the legitimacy of the French court to try him for "acts of war" when the judges' own hands were stained with the blood of the same alleged imperialist crimes.

The US has joined as a "civil party" the trial of Abdullah on charges of complicity in the 1982 Paris murder of Mr Charles Ray, a US military attaché, and the attempted murder two years later of Mr Robert Homme, the US Consul in Strasbourg.

He is also accused of complicity in the murder of Mr Yacov Barsimantov, an Israeli diplomat, in Paris in 1982.

Farl claimed responsibility for all three murders.

Abdullah questioned his four male and three female judges as to what impartiality they assumed to try him "when the executioner of this war (against the Arab people) is a civil party and, in your eyes, a victim?"

"What cynicism the representative of the Yankee criminal must have to pose as a victim at the very moment that the US Navy is preparing to attack our city (Beirut). One must have some connection with Goebbels to be able to follow such a scene. For nearly 40 years our people have been subjected to the aggressions of imperialists of all kinds."

Abdullah, a pro-Syrian Christian Maronite from northern Lebanon and a firm supporter of the Palestinian cause, went on to warn the West that "so long as there is no peace for all our Arab people on the whole of the Arab territory, there will be no peace for anyone anywhere."

Throughout his highly political statement, which he had learned word perfect, Abdullah made virtually no reference to the specific charges against him, save to say: "If our people did not give me the honour of participating in the anti-imperialist acts which you attributed to me, at least I have the honour of being accused of them by your court and of defending their legitimacy in the face of the criminal legitimacy of the executioners."

When the presiding judge, M Maurice Colomb, interrupted him saying he was beginning to repeat himself, Abdullah exclaimed: "I withdraw from this court, leaving you the pleasure of listening to the executioner vomiting out his hatred against the disinherited of this earth!"

Earlier, when asked his age, address, and occupation, Abdullah declined to answer. "I am an Arab combatant," he said, borrowing the words he used at his trial in Lyons last summer when he was sentenced to four years' imprisonment for possession of forged papers, the illegal detention of arms and membership of a criminal association.

The first hour of yesterday's proceedings was taken up with a roll call of witnesses, many of whom were reported absent, often for extremely flimsy reasons, but more likely because they fear terrorist reprisals.

Maître Georges Kiejman, representing the US Government, demanded that some of the missing key witnesses for the prosecution be ordered to appear. Maître Jacques Vergès, Abdullah's lawyer, promptly demanded the same for certain missing witnesses for the defence, notably M Laurent Fabius, the former Socialist Prime Minister, and members of his Cabinet.

The court deferred ruling on the requests.

Paris row over terror suspects

From Susan MacDonald Paris

President Mitterrand yesterday reacted angrily to right-wing politicians who have tried to turn the arrest of four suspected leaders of the extreme left terrorist group Action Directe into a political row.

M Jacques Toubon, secretary-general of the governing RPR party, had declared that the late head of Renault, M Georges Besse, would be alive today if M Mitterrand had not pardoned Jean-Marc Rouillan in 1981.

M Rouillan, together with Nathalie Ménigon, Joelle Aubron and Georges Cipriani, was arrested at an isolated farm over the weekend. Action Directe claimed responsibility for the killing of M Besse last November.

M Mitterrand said that remarks like those of M Toubon were "absurd" and belonged to "low-level politics". M Rouillan, who had previously served a three year prison term in the 1970s for carrying explosives, was again arrested in 1980 together with his companion Nathalie Ménigon.

He was charged with involvement in bombings of public buildings but did not come to trial before benefitting from an amnesty in 1981. M Mitterrand, following an incoming President's tradition, pardoned several thousand prisoners in an amnesty law voted by parliament.

M Rouillan was released under a section relating to crimes of a political nature that did not involve violence against persons. Mlle Ménigon was not released, having fired on the police at the time of their arrest. She was, however, freed shortly after on health grounds, having undertaken a hunger strike.

The arrest of the four, together with earlier arrests of suspected Action Directe leaders, means police feel that only one major accomplice is still free, explosives expert M Max Frérot. It remains to be seen whether he will react to his companions' arrest.

Pressure on Syria to free hostages

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

Syrian authorities in west Beirut are going to find themselves under increasing political pressure to produce at least one foreign hostage within the next few days.

Brigadier-General Ghazi Kenaan, the head of Syrian military intelligence who is directing the deployment of at least 4,000 troops across the Muslim sector of the city, has made repeated references to Syria's desire to free captives in the Lebanese capital.

The "rescue" of an American or a Briton would provide President Assad with considerable prestige at a moment when Western nations have significantly failed to give their support to his new commitment in Beirut.

If the Syrians were able to produce a British captive in Damascus – and Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, would be a prize – it would not only bring credit to their military operations in Lebanon, but would also force the British Government to reassess its broken relations with Damascus.

President Assad is still being assailed in the American press as a "sponsor of international terrorism". The release of foreign hostages could provide an immediate rebuttal, in Syria's eyes, of such accusations.

The problem, of course, is whether the Syrians actually have the power to secure such releases. Most of the 26 foreign captives, including at least two Britons and five Americans, are probably held in the Shia Muslim districts of west Beirut that lie adjacent to – and just to the east of – the main road to the international airport.

The Syrians have already turned the airport and its runways into a garrison: yet they have not attempted to penetrate Bourj al-Barajneh or Hay al-Sellum, the two districts in which Shia Muslim extremist groups are likely to have imprisoned foreigners.

Syrian troops are in full control of the airport road and they could, if they wished, set up roadblocks on access routes into the area. But they have not done so and it will need firm agreements between the Syrians and the Hezbollah (Party of God) movement – which is thought to hold some of the Westerners – before any Syrian soldier ventures inside.

When a Syrian patrol drove into the Basta district two weeks ago, Hezbollah members burnt their vehicles and took the troops prisoner.

The new Syrian deployment is certainly going to prove how much leverage the Syrians have over the small but ruthless factions in west Beirut who are holding the 26 men.

Last July, when 500 Syrian troops were patrolling west Beirut under General Kenaan's command, there were reports of contacts between the Syrian intelligence services and at least two groups of kidnappers. Two Frenchmen were eventually freed.

In private conversation with diplomats in Damascus, the Syrians have said that while they sometimes know the exact location of Western hostages they cannot rescue them for fear that the kidnappers may kill their captives.

The British now have no official contact with the Syrian Government but the Syrians would expect the British Government to re-establish ties – broken after the Hindawi affair last year – if a British captive was found in west Beirut and taken to the safety of Damascus.

Anyone able to deliver a foreign captive would have demands of his own to meet and the release of Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners from the underground prison at Khiam, which is ostensibly controlled by Israel's proxy militia in the south, is likely to be the price.

President Assad negotiated for the release of several hundred Lebanese from an Israeli prison at the time of the TWA hijacking in 1985. He can therefore combine opportunity with experience if his soldiers can extract a foreign inmate from the basement jails of Bourj al-Barajneh.

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EEC foreign ministers' meeting

Howe defends rebate system

From Our Own Correspondent, Brussels

Radical plans for restructuring the EEC's finances put forward by M Jacques Delors, the president of the EEC Commission, received an initial setback yesterday at the hands of EEC foreign ministers, with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, voicing strong objections to any change for the worse in the British budget rebate system.

The ministers gave a cautious welcome to M Delors' plans, which were presented to the European Parliament last week, for cutting back the wasteful common agricultural policy (CAP). But some expressed grave doubts about his proposal for shifting the basis of EEC revenues from Value Added Tax (Vat) to Gross National Product (GNP).

This is seen as a form of wealth tax which would place a heavy burden on the north European states, including Britain. Diplomats said there would be long and contentious discussion of the plan leading up to the next summit of the EEC in Brussels in June.

Sir Geoffrey told the informal session, which began on Sunday, that Britain could not countenance any financial reform which undermined the British rebate, which was agreed, after a long campaign by Mrs Thatcher to "get our money back", at the Fontainebleau summit of 1984.

British officials said a "preliminary calculation" suggested that, under the Delors plan, Britain's net contribution to the EEC budget would double to some £1.4 billion. The Commission disputes this.

The foreign ministers were divided over the Delors plan, with the southern states more sympathetic. M Delors envisages a doubling of the social and regional funds, from which the southern states benefit the most.

"The Delors plan is supposed to heal the north-south divide in the EEC, but the danger is it could have the opposite effect," one diplomat said.

The 12 agreed, however, that the EEC food mountains had to be sold off.

EEC farm ministers yesterday considered the consequences of their decision in December to cut beef and dairy quotas. The Commission regards this step as a bold one, considering the strength of the farm lobby, but nonetheless, only the beginning of a process of CAP reform which must continue.

The Commission's farm price package for 1987, which includes cuts in cereals prices and a freeze in the beef and dairy sectors, ran into opposition yesterday, not least from West Germany, which objected that, because of the revaluation of the Deutschmark, the "green currency" rates proposed by the Commission would leave German farmers at a disadvantage.

Israeli police hunt grenade attackers

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Police and security forces were yesterday still hunting the people who carried out Sunday's grenade attack on an Israeli police patrol at the Damascus Gates in Jerusalem in which 17 people were hurt.

Most of the suspects rounded up after the attack were released yesterday.

Twelve of the injured were policemen, including one who suffered more serious wounds but whose life was said not to be in danger.

Meanwhile, unrest continued in the occupied West Bank yesterday, and a bus was stoned in the Jelazoun refugee camp.

Elsewhere, according to unconfirmed Palestinian sources in Jerusalem, Israeli security forces raided the public relations office run by the A-Najah University in the town of Nablus and detained a worker there, Mr Ali Rejoub, aged 28.

The campus itself has been closed for the past two weeks by order of the Israeli authorities as part of a crackdown on universities in the West Bank and Gaza.

Chicago set to vote for black Mayor

From Charles Bremner New York

Chicago voters appear set to choose Mr Harold Washington, the city's incumbent black Mayor, over his predecessor and bitter rival, Mrs Jane Byrne, in today's Democratic primary elections for the Mayor's office.

Polls showed Mr Washington pulling away to a 2 to 1 lead over Mrs Byrne, though the Mayor's aides cautioned that the outcome would depend heavily on the turnout by black voters, who account for about 42 per cent of the city's population.

More than 1.5 million Chicagoans are entitled to vote in the Democratic race, which has reinforced a party split along racial lines and set the seal on the destruction of the once monolithic machine that ran the city under the late Mayor Richard Daley.

The winner of today's vote will have to stand against at least two other leading Democratic Party barons who are running as independents along with the Republican candidate in April's municipal elections.

According to a poll by ABC News, 33 per cent of Chicagoans who intend to vote favour Mrs Byrne and 61 per cent prefer Mr Washington, aged 64, an articulate and avuncular politician who has wooed the white vote by casting himself as the opponent of corrupt "machine politics".

The survey showed that 97 per cent of black voters and 25 per cent of whites favour Mr Washington. In the 1983 primary, Mrs Byrne, then the incumbent Mayor, received 15 per cent of the black vote and Mr Washington received 8 per cent of the white poll.

Mr Washington's increasing popularity among the white and Hispanic electorate is attributed to his success in opening the city administration to greater public scrutiny after nearly three decades of rule through fear and patronage.

The leader of the anti-Washington bloc, Mr Edward Vrdlovak, a tough and wily party boss of the old school, is standing in April as an independent, along with Mr Thomas Hynes, another leading Democrat opposed to both Mrs Byrne and the Mayor.

European alarm over Middle East

Twelve propose international peace conference

From Richard Owen Brussels

In a move which reflects European alarm over the deteriorating Middle East situation, the EEC yesterday lent its full support for the first time to the idea of a Middle East peace conference involving Russia, America and the regional powers, and said the Europeans were "willing to play their part" in bringing the conference about. Officials said consultations between Moscow and Washington were already taking place.

Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Foreign Minister, said Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, had sent a letter to the EEC welcoming the European initiative. Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Foreign Minister and current President of the Council of Ministers, confirmed that a letter from Moscow had been received but declined to give details.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said the present stagnation in the Middle East peace process was "dangerous and unstable". The foreign ministers were concerned about the situation, not only about the hiatus in the Arab-Israeli dispute, but also about the violence in the Lebanon and the Iran-Iraq war.

Sir Geoffrey said there was a growing view that an international peace conference could be "the necessary catalyst", and would give political impetus to the waning peace process. Diplomats said the EEC move put the pressure firmly on Israel to agree to the idea, which it has long resisted.

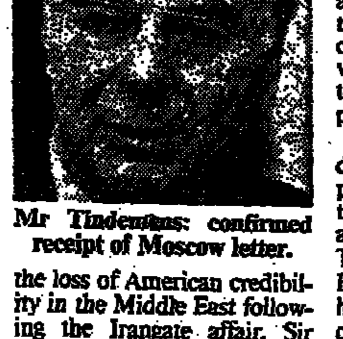
The EEC foreign ministers, who drew up yesterday's statement, said it should take place under United Nations auspices, but stopped short of suggesting who should take part in the peace talks or when and where they should take place.

Sir Geoffrey said the EEC was not trying to draw up a European blueprint for resolving the Arab-Israeli dispute. But the EEC initiative will now go to all parties involved for formal consideration.

Diplomats said Washington's attitude would now be crucial following Mr Gorbachov's apparent acceptance. The idea of an international conference has until recently been regarded with profound suspicion by the United States, because it would have to involve not only Moscow but also the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), as well as Israel, the Arab Nations, and some European countries.

EEC officials said there were many obstacles, including the opposition expressed in Washington only last week by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister. But Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, was more favourably inclined, the sources said. Mr Peres visited Brussels for talks with the EEC last month January. Sir Geoffrey said Mr Shamir's hardline views were only "one component" in the Israeli position.

Diplomats said the Europeans had become concerned at the loss of American credibility in the Middle East following the Irangate affair. Sir Geoffrey denied there was a direct link but said European and American views on the Middle East often diverged, and America was not playing as active a role as the EEC would wish.



Mr Tindemans: confirmed receipt of Moscow letter.

Yesterday's statement is the first important EEC initiative on the Middle East since the Venice declaration of 1980, which aroused controversy by referring not only to Israel's right to a secure existence, but also to the Palestinians' right to self-determination, and by calling for the PLO to be included in the peace process. The Twelve yesterday reaffirmed the Venice Declaration, a move which will confirm the Israelis in their view that the EEC is committed to PLO participation in peace talks.

After a behind-the-scenes dispute, the ministers postponed a decision over whether the EEC would be represented at any future peace talks by the Twelve as a whole or by Britain and France, which have the closest Middle East collections and are members of the United Nations Security Council. Mr Tindemans and Sir Geoffrey agreed that it was not up to the EEC, which was on the margins of the Middle East dispute, to lay down details of procedure and participation.

Yesterday the ministers also agreed to reopen the Euro-Arab dialogue between the EEC and the Arab League in Tunis.

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Rebels turn prosperous province into no man's land

Mozambique farmers flee to cities

From Paul Vallely, Namaca, Mozambique

There is something particularly sickening about a bullet wound in the abdomen of a child. Yet José Jaime, aged 10, broke away from the queue to register at Namaca refugee camp in Mozambique and displayed his wound in a rather matter-of-fact manner.

He was lucky. It is healed now, leaving a large scar just to the side of his stomach. His two brothers were not so fortunate. They died in the hail of bullets which tore through the walls of his home when the anti-government rebels attacked the town of Moepa at four o'clock one morning.

"My mother was captured alive. My father was captured and killed. Others, who escaped afterwards, found their way here and told me this news," he said, seemingly without emotion.

Today José is one of 255,000 *dislocados* in Zambézia, once the most prosperous province in Mozambique but now a no-man's land where South African-backed rebels make widespread guerrilla strikes against government posts, important economic targets and the peasant farmers of the region.

His story was not unusual. Beside him stood José Brandão, aged 13, an eerie child with a pointed chin and large haunted eyes. "This boy is an orphan," a man said. "His mother was captured and his father was killed."

To every question the boy made no reply. He simply stared while his companion answered for him.

I asked whether he could speak at all. "Yes, he can speak but he doesn't any more," the surrogate replied.

The trauma of war manifests itself in many ways. The response of others was quite the opposite.

Mr Luis Julião, a farmer, found solace in humour. Laughing constantly, he told how he had been woken from his bed by the guns and ran into the bush with his pregnant wife, both of them naked.

> ❛ Their first thought is security rather than food ❜

"After one kilometre she had the baby, right there in the field," he said and hooted uproariously.

Another man, Mr Valentim Pedro Serrão, spoke with quiet precision about how guerrillas had attacked his home town of Luabo. His mother was shot dead as they fled.

It had been the third attack on the town, he said, counting off the dates on his fingers like a schoolboy who has learnt his text well.

After the attack, on the road to the east, they gathered in little groups and made their way to the provincial capital, Quelimane, on the coast. They had left behind everything — food, tools, cooking utensils, and some of them had even left their clothes.

"Yet, their first thought is security rather than food," said Miss Marion Birch, a nurse in Quelimane for Save The Children.

The city seems psychologically more safe to them. Refugees fill the place. It was amazing how many it seems to absorb. The local people were very hospitable and took them into their homes and fed them. There was no sign of resentment despite the overcrowding."

However, there was no way they could remain in the town. In an attempt to find a more long-term solution for people who have no chance of returning to their homes for some considerable time, the local authorities have established the refugees in enclaves, mainly along the coast where government troops can guarantee a little security.

The camps in which they live do not consist of lines of tents, like those in Ethiopia, but of much smaller units of around 500 people each. Each family has been given half a hectare of bush to clear and farm.

"It is not enough to grow enough to live off but it is important for morale because it means they are not entirely dependent on aid and it maintains the habit of cultivation," said Mr Mike Powell, emergencies officer of Oxfam.

The people of Namaca are one of the more fortunate groups. They were early arrivals and have been allocated good land.

They are only a few kilometres out of Quelimane and are hence at the beginning of the distribution chain for rations. Oxfam and Save The Children are gradually supplying them with cloth, cooking pots, plates, soap and salt.

A refugee waiting at the Red Cross warehouse at Chinde in Zambezia, the worst affected province of Mozambique.

Parents in wrangle over son jailed in Ciskei

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

Two French schoolteachers, M André Albertini and his wife, Jeanne, are at the centre of a diplomatic tussle here between France, South Africa and Ciskei, one of South Africa's nominally independent black tribal homelands.

The Albertinis' son, M Pierre-André Albertini, has been in jail in Ciskei since October 23 and is due to appear as a state witness in a trial there in mid-March of people accused of arms smuggling.

He went to Ciskei under a scheme whereby young Frenchmen conscripted for military service can opt instead to work abroad in a developing country. Before his arrest he was a lecturer at Ciskei's Fort Hare University.

The Albertinis arrived at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts Airport early on Sunday without either entry visas, which the South African Embassy in Paris refused to grant, or passports.

The South African authorities said yesterday that as a "humanitarian gesture" they would allow the Albertinis to travel to Ciskei, but that they would have to apply to the Ciskei authorities to get a visa to enter the homeland.

A Ciskei spokesman claimed, however, that under the terms of a bilateral agreement with Pretoria, the South Africans could issue travel documents that would be valid in Ciskei.

The French Embassy finds itself in an awkward position as France, like other foreign countries, does not acknowledge the legal existence of Ciskei as a separate state.

For the moment, M and Mme Albertini remain holed up in the international transit hotel at Jan Smuts Airport. Mme Albertini told journalists yesterday that she would not return to France without her son.

She said that last December the South Africans had given herself and her husband entry visas, and they had been able to stay in East London, near Ciskei, and visit their son in the Mdantsane prison in the homeland.

● **Journalist freed:** Police in another of the nominally independent homelands, Transkei, yesterday released a South African journalist working for the Agence France-Presse news agency after holding him for two days for questioning (AFP reports).

The journalist, Graham Brown, aged 39, telephoned AFP's Johannesburg bureau from the Transkei capital, Umtata, to say that he had been released.

The Transkei Foreign Minister, Mr Caleb Songca, had said earlier that Mr Brown had been detained by security police after "acting suspiciously" in Umtata.

● **Police death:** A black policeman has been stabbed and burnt to death, the 65th force member to die in three years of racial strife in South Africa (Reuter reports).

The Government's Bureau for Information said yesterday that Constable Ungise Mbana was attacked by about 25 "black radicals" on Saturday night while on his way to KwaZekele township.

Dramatic change needed to avert economic crisis

*Zimbabwe's economy has long stood head and shoulders above most on the African continent. But now, **Jan Raath** writes from Harare, economists fear that unless drastic reforms are implemented, the long slide into intractable poverty may begin.*

Zimbabwe's economic performance over the rest of the year is expected to lay the foundations for its long-term future.

On the one hand, economists argue, it can continue its policies and slide down the path of scores of other African countries into perpetual debt rescheduling, a shrinking economy and poverty.

Or it can embark on a dramatic and harrowing reform programme which, it is hoped, would retain the country's qualities.

Mr Zdenek Silavecky, group economist of the Standard Chartered Merchant Bank in Harare, said: "The situation now may be a temporary one, and not anything that Zimbabweans aren't used to coping with."

But the picture at the moment appears to be one of a protracted and gravely worsening situation in foreign exchange. After six to nine months, some form of permanent damage may be inflicted upon the productive sectors.

Dr Bernard Chidzero, the Minister of Finance, is reported to be working on a package of reforms to offer to the World Bank to meet conditions for further credit.

A committee of enquiry is seeking ways to eliminate inefficiency and to implement cost-cutting measures.

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, has also recently stated that the Ministry of Education is to adopt a new policy, instilling technical skills into pupils and breaking away from the heavily academic system that automatically promotes all secondary school pupils to O-levels examinations, regardless of their performance.

But as yet there is no evidence of any intention to relax the conditions that account for the paltry $50 million (£32.7 million) which has been invested in the country since independence.

The World Bank and the country's other chief creditors are anxious to see the easing of restrictions of dividends, reductions in taxes and lifting of crippling import duties.

But Dr Chidzero is known to be against such measures, fearing that the easing of import restrictions will open the floodgates for foreign goods that would undercut locally produced items.

Mr Mugabe's repeated pledge to impose sanctions against South Africa does little to boost confidence. In the last month he has received warnings against such a step from Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister; Mr Chester Crocker, the US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Mr Christopher Patten, Britain's Minister for Overseas Development; and Mr Andrew Young, the black mayor of Atlanta, Georgia.

Zimbabwe's economy
Part 2

The country's dependence on South Africa was underlined earlier this month, when the South African Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs granted Zimbabwean oil companies another import licence for 13,000 tonnes of fuel.

For the immediate future, the Government is negotiating with four British banks for a short-term loan of £70 million to tide agriculture and mining over in case the World Bank finance fails to materialize.

Zimbabwe's farmers also appear to be heading for a lucrative harvest with export earnings that will "underpin the ability of the manufacturing sector to survive the debt crisis", said Mr David Hasluck, director of the Commercial Farmers' Union.

A large crop of high quality tobacco, the country's largest foreign-currency earner, is expected to exceed last year's harvest of £215 million.

A crop of some 300,000 tonnes of cotton, Zimbabwe's biggest, is forecast, while the introduction of disincentive prices for maize to reduce the country's 2.2 million-tonne grain mountain has forced farmers into diversifying into oil-seed production, another export earner.

"Agriculture has always been the economy's engine," commented another economist. "Yet again, it should take a lot of bite out of the situation."

Exemption from draft for Afghan refugees

Moscow (AFP) — Afghan opposition refugees who return to their country will be granted exemption or deferment from two-year military service under a new draft law.

The new law establishes a mandatory military service for all. But for some categories of draftees, including those with university degrees, military service will only be 18 months.

Boy crushed

Delhi (AFP) — A boy aged three was crushed to death between the electronic gates of a US Embassy compound.

White out

Munich (Reuter) — Two East Germans escaped to West Germany yesterday draped in white sheets to camouflage themselves in snow covering the fortified frontier zone.

Rescue cruise

Bonn (AFP) — A ship financed by West German and French humanitarian organizations will cruise the South China Sea for six months starting on April 2 in search of Vietnamese refugees fleeing their country by boat.

Peace march

Seoul (AFP) — South Korean opposition and dissident leaders Monday yesterday announced a nationwide peace march on March 3 to press for democratization and an end to torture in the country.

Lorry strike

Rome (Reuter) — Italian lorry drivers and airline pilots began week-long strikes yesterday in protest at a new system of stiff fines for speeding, excessive loads and other offences.

Pillow talk

Hong Kong (Reuter) — A bride in China committed suicide after friends placed a microphone in her bedroom on her wedding night and broadcast her "pillow talk" over a village loudspeaker.

Harare fraud

Harare (AP) — Corrupt civil servants cost Zimbabwe more than £400,000 in the last six months of 1986, the semi-official Zimbabwe Inter-African news agency said.

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Trial of 'Ivan the Terrible'

Survivor's testimony fires anger with description of atrocities

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

"This is Ivan of Treblinka." There was no room for doubt in his voice as Mr Pinchas Epstein pointed across the stage at Mr John Demjanjuk.

This was the man, he told the war crimes court here yesterday, who had haunted his dreams, day in and day out, night after night since he escaped from the death camp in August 1943.

He did not call him "Ivan the Terrible"; he did not have to. He had drawn a picture of Treblinka that made the word "terrible" hopelessly inadequate to describe the nightmare world which he survived against all odds for 11 interminable months.

It was a world peopled by grotesque characters and a life so full of death that Mr Epstein broke down with emotion as he tried to describe its horrors. It was difficult to credit that the quiet man, neatly dressed in a brown suit with slicked-back dark hair and thick spectacles, was anything but ordinary.

But as Mr Epstein's extraordinary story unfolded, his memories fired the anger and imagination of the audience packed into the converted theatre where the trial is being held.

When, suddenly and unexpectedly, he pointed across the stage to the dock and said: "Yes, he is sitting there," the crowd clapped loudly and delightedly before Justice Dov Levin angrily interjected that such applause should never again be heard in a court of Israel.

Mr Epstein, however, still wanted to be heard. When he arrived in Treblinka, he said, he was a boy of 17 and Ivan was 25.

"I see him every day and every night. Oh, my poor wife," he said, his strong voice trembling as it rose to a shout and he sliced the air with his outstretched arm. "He is right here in this very hall."

Mr Mark O'Connor, the defence lawyer, said the camp described by Mr Epstein was "a Dante's inferno". The poet, however, never imagined such characters.

There was "Frankenstein" whose job was to shoot all those brought for treatment to the "lazaret" – supposedly a hospital, but in reality a pit for babies, the old, infirm or prison offenders. Mr Epstein saw the "lazaret" on his first day at the camp when he was ordered to take an old woman there to be shot.

❛ The weeping of those babies is ringing in my ears ❜

In the bottom of the pit was a smouldering fire where two babies were crawling among the bodies. "The weeping of those babies is ringing in my ears to this day."

There was "Tadellos", which means faultless in German, so nicknamed because that was his catchphrase about everything done in building the incineration pits where hundreds of thousands of bodies were burnt and the ashes later sieved, pounded and mixed with sand so as to leave no trace of the holocaust.

There was "Zacki-Zacki", who "encouraged" Jewish stretcher-bearers carrying corpses to run faster by hitting their fingers with an iron bar and chanting "zacki-zacki", which means smartly. There was "Richard", who helped push Jews into the gas chambers and whose name the workers corrupted to the Hebrew "Rusheh", meaning terrible.

Then there was the mock Jewish soldier on guard at the barracks with a hideous wooden gun and the wretched *scheissmeister*, a Jew who was made to grow his dark hair long, wear rabinical clothes and hat and a large cardboard clock round his neck, and chase out Jews who spent more than two or three minutes in the toilet.

But it was the memory of Ivan that most haunted Mr Epstein. He recalled him, usually armed with a piece of piping, beating and killing wantonly and indiscriminately. "It is difficult to compare him even to an animal, because an animal can be satisfied. But Ivan was never satisfied. He would prey on his victims every day, every minute. He was never satisfied."

His voice breaking, Mr Epstein told the story of a girl of 13 or 14 who had somehow survived the gas chamber. The Jews, cleaning the blood and excrement out of the piled chamber ready for the next batch, had found her and taken her out.

"Her words are still in my ears: 'I want my mummy,' she said." By then, Ivan had arrived. He ordered one of the gang to rape her.

"This act did not take place but there was an obscenity towards this little girl. Then she was taken to the pit and shot."

Mr Epstein's nightmare began on the eve of Yom Kippur in 1942 when the Jews of his ghetto were rounded up and taken to Treblinka by train. In those days he had very long hair and blue eyes and was immediately chosen to join a work gang.

His young brother, David, had run out from the crowd towards him and was clubbed to the ground by an SS guard, his face split open. He never saw him again.

After three days he was set to work in the extermination area of the camp, carrying corpses. His gang would sit by the engine that pumped the gas, while new victims were forced into the chambers. When the doors were shut, someone he later knew as "Ivan" would start the engine.

"This Ivan would come out and beat us, sometimes with his pipe, sometimes with a sword or bayonet. He would crack skulls, cut off ears and commit indescribable atrocities on the corpses.

"The corpses," he said, "were often stabbed, pregnant women had their abdomens opened up. Some had their eyes gouged out.

"I have difficulty describing what we saw on the job I performed for so many long days," he said.

There was never a day, he said, that some members of the work gang did not commit suicide, perhaps after finding the body of a sister or a loved one in the pile of corpses.

❛ An animal can be satisfied. . .Ivan was never satisfied ❜

The living nightmare only ended after a camp uprising in August 1943. He had managed to escape, running alone into the nearby woods and obtaining forged documents.

In 1948 he arrived in Israel without a single surviving relative. Yesterday his three children and five grandchildren sat in the front row of the court shamelessly crying as they heard his testimony.

Snowballs in the desert

A resident of the Arrakia region of the United Arab Emirates displaying a rare handful of snow after 20 inches fell in some places, the first recorded snowfall in the area for 30 years.

EEC seeks Japan contracts

From David Watts, Osaka

A seminar is to be staged for British and other European firms seeking work on one of Japan's biggest civil engineering projects this century.

The project is the Kansai international airport to be built on an artificial island in Osaka Bay. It will operate 24 hours a day and is expected to cost between $6 billion and $8 billion (£4-5.3 billion).

The airport has become the latest *cause célèbre* for countries and companies trying to break into the Japanese market. Already seminars have been held for South Korean and American firms to describe the Japanese system of contract allocation.

No date has yet been set for the European seminar, but it is possible it may coincide with a special exhibition on the airport in May.

The European Economic Community (EEC) case on the airport was put to the Kansai International Airport Company (KIAC) and local government officials yesterday by a team led by Herr Heinrich von Moltke, Director of Industrial Policy, and consular representatives of EEC countries.

Bidding on the first part of the airport, the construction of the island, is already closed but the airport company has promised to consider foreign bids on the rest of the airport, which is due to be completed in 1993. Although there is no chance of involvement in the actual construction there is a chance that British firms could supply equipment.

In an attempt to stir the interest of British industry, Mr Yoshio Takeuchi, president of KIAC, has been invited to Britain as a guest of the Government.

Eleven British firms have indicated interest in working on the airport.

The airport was first mooted some 20 years ago but the KIAC was not established until 1984. Japanese firms seeking contracts set up departments to seek business seven years ago.

Despite this competition, the time has never been more propitious for Europeans to establish the principle that such projects in Japan need no longer be the preserve of local firms: the strong yen makes British prices cheaper and the Tokyo Government's greater willingness to internationalize the country have improved the chances of British companies.

11 die in Hill Tracts raid

From Ahmed Fazl
Dhaka

Eleven people were killed and 15 wounded in the latest massacre in Bangladesh's south-eastern Chittagong Hill Tracts Province, where ethnic Chakma tribesmen are campaigning for a separate homeland.

About 35 guerrillas belonging to the outlawed tribal army, Shanti Bahini, swooped on a Bengali Muslim village in the province's Longdu district, an area near the border of the eastern Indian state of Tripura, spraying bullets from automatic weapons.

The incident on Sunday raises the unofficial death toll in the separatist violence during the past year to more than 500.

The majority of the victims were Bengali Muslim farmers whose resettlement in the hills is being strongly opposed by the guerrillas.

Last week tribal guerrillas ambushed a gang of Bengali workers in a state-owned forest in neighbouring Khagrachari district and killed five of them.

An estimated 10,000 regular troops and para-military forces are deployed by Bangladesh authorities in the hills bordering India and Burma to combat the 11-year-old insurgency.

More than 25,000 Chakma tribesmen have sought shelter in bordering Indian villages as a fresh counter-insurgency operation began in April last year.

● **Axe murder:** An enraged husband axed his wife and four-year old son to death and mortally wounded his wife's lover in northern Bangladesh after his friends taunted him for his wife's alleged infidelity.

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India's Punjab problem

Party is cleared over riots

The Indian Government yesterday published the report of a commission of inquiry on the anti-Sikh riots that followed the assassination of Mrs Indira Gandhi in 1984, and at the same time announced the setting up of two more committees to make further inquiries (Michael Hamlyn writes from Delhi).

The report, drawn up by a commission under Mr Ranganath Misra, a Supreme Court judge, concluded that the ruling Congress (I) Party could not be held responsible for having organized the mob violence in which as many as 2,000 Sikhs died.

But the commission said that some party people "on their own had indulged and participated in the turmoil for considerations entirely of their own".

Police charges have been laid against 19 people named in the report.

The Government announced that a new committee under a former Delhi High Court chief justice would now inquire into the delinquencies and conduct of the Delhi police during the riots.

Another retired judge would inquire into offences committed during the riots and monitor police investigations.

An official of Delhi's administration has been asked to find out the exact number of people who died, and the Government has said it would work out with local authorities the amount of *ex gratia* compensation to be given.

Tension grows between Gandhi and President

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The overwhelming preoccupation of the Indian Government with events in the unhappy state of Punjab was highlighted yesterday in the President's "Speech from the Throne" at the opening of the new session of Parliament.

President Zail Singh also provided further fuel for the tension between himself and the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

The speech, the equivalent of the Queen's at the start of a British parliamentary session, reflected briefly on the progress of each ministry during 1986, but cast its main emphasis on the way the country's "secular democratic structure is boldly facing the forces of communalism and separatism".

Even though this is the Budget session of Parliament and the annual finance Bill will be introduced as usual on the last day of this month by Mr Gandhi, the item at the top of the President's report was Punjab.

Significantly the Government, through Mr Zail Singh's speech, insisted that it was fighting anti-national elements in Punjab "which are guided and controlled by foreign sources".

It was the next phrase, however, that stuck in the President's throat: "Under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Shri S. S. Barnala, the State Government and the people of Punjab have shown exemplary courage in upholding the values of secular democracy."

Mr Zail Singh, a Sikh and former Punjab Chief Minister, has spent the bulk of his career fighting the Akali Dali, the Sikh religious party of Mr Surjit Singh Barnala. To have to utter such praise of a man whose party he regards as theocratic seemed to him to be excessive.

He sent the speech back last week, asking for it to be revised, but the Cabinet insisted that he fulfil his constitutional role and simply read what was put in front of him.

He read it in an uninspiring monotone, taking 63 minutes to utter in Hindi what took his Vice-President, Mr R. Venkataraman, only 42 minutes to read in English. Meanwhile, the members of both Houses assembled to hear him talked among themselves.

The chatter was endorsed by Mr Gandhi, who remained for a time in earnest conversation with Mr Narasimha Rao, the Human Resources Minister.

The President has been at odds with the Prime Minister since the latter came to power on October 31, 1984. Their feud came to a head three weeks ago when President Zail Singh declined to sign a Bill permitting the Government to interrupt the postal service in pursuit of terrorists or spies.

The President has also questioned the Government's policy on judicial appointments, summoned the Election Commissioner to explain the delay in holding a state election in Haryana and chastized the Andhra Pradesh Governor for involving himself in politics.

Student unrest in China

'Futile' protests may resume

From Robert Grieves
Peking

Chinese newspapers are quoting students as saying that they have realized the futility of staging demonstrations similar to those which swept the country late last year.

During their recent one-month vacation period, which coincided with the celebration of the Chinese New Year, students were shown on state-run television working in the countryside as part of their regular "work-study" training.

In the wake of the student demonstrations, the Government has used the highly-publicized work study period to "re-educate" students who might be critical of the Communist Party's policies.

"After this experience we realize we don't have a comprehensive understanding of China's socialist construction," the New China news agency quoted a Peking student as saying. "Because we were children during the 10-year turmoil of the Cultural Revolution, most of us don't value the current unity and stability as much as workers, farmers and intellectuals."

But in informal conversations held over the last few weeks, some students here have said that new demonstrations could be staged as early as this spring. Moreover, they say the issues that motivated the demonstrations two months ago – including the need for more freedom and democracy in Chinese society – have still not been addressed by China's leadership.

Scuffles broke out yesterday in Taiwan's Legislative Assembly during a swearing-in ceremony, after opposition politicians stormed the Speaker's platform (Reuter reports from Taipei). A newly-elected member of the Democratic Progress Party grabbed the Speaker's microphone to denounce technical details of the ceremony.

Student demonstrations in 12 cities in December and early January appeared to have caught both reformers and conservatives within the 44 million-member Chinese Communist Party by surprise.

There were also other demonstrations in China's vast hinterland which went unreported, according to Western diplomats in Peking. One said that last summer as many as 18,000 workers demanding higher wages demonstrated for two days at a plant in Luoyang in Henan province.

China's educational reforms at the country's leading universities are also believed to have helped spark the protests. The 1985 legislation gave students a taste of academic freedom and control over their lives that may have jarred violently with their experiences in the outside world.

The rapid rise in the university student population may, as it did in the West during the 1960s, help fuel more protests. Student enrolment in the country's universities has jumped from 856,000 in 1978 to more than 1.6 million.

If there are further demonstrations this year, it is unclear how the authorities will handle them. To prevent a student protest planned for Peking's Tiananmen Square in January, examination schedules were moved up five days. But by this spring, courses of study on most university campuses will be virtually concluded for the year.

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The forecast factories

Worried about that multi-million pound deal? Someone, somewhere, has all the data you need to make your decision. **Andrew Duncan** goes into the fast-growing world of the new electronic pundit

In a cramped room on the fourth floor of a nondescript building in Smithfield, London, a former British ambassador to East Germany is doing his bit for Britain's information revolution.

Peter Maxey is director of research at Global Analysis Systems (GAS), one of a number of companies that have recently made use of sophisticated computer technology to enter the potentially profitable, but highly competitive, business of delivering — on-line — independent information gathered from many sources to multinational corporations and banks.

Similar ventures have collapsed — like International Reporting Information Systems, which was backed by Edward Heath and Robert McNamara and which invested $14 million in computers and "experts" before it disintegrated in 1983.

It might seem strange that vast companies with important contracts should make use of 35 people bustling about in GAS's five unprepossessing rooms where the only concession to high-powered drama is a red notice on the front door: "Warning: Continuous Electronic Surveillance".

"We know we look grubby," admitted the American-born European sales manager Amy Hadden as, Diet Coke in hand, she showed me around what little there was to see — a few word processors, files, Reuters and Dow Jones tapes, and maps pinned to walls. "But clients don't mind. They realize we're spending money on good analysts rather than on fancy Italian furniture. Other companies have failed because they don't stay in focus; they become self-important and push out information on the basis of 'Isn't this nice to know?'.

"A few years ago, when everyone was thrown out of the Nixon White House, a lot of former CIA guys hung out their shingles and called themselves 'political risk analysts'. But who cares about things analyzed in a vacuum? Our clients want it related to everything else: how is an election in Germany going to impact on the alignment of the European Monetary System? How will a political resignation in China affect the building of a brick factory?

"The economic climate has become incredibly complex over the past 15 years. American companies have had very little international experience, and UK multinationals felt that because they had been in a country for 100 years their chap on the ground in the pith helmet knew all about it. Well, look what happened to industries which hadn't been paying attention to the Japanese, or the Koreans, or who ignored new factory building regulations in Malaysia, or who hadn't seen what the French were doing in Africa."

She took a long swig at her drink and finished with a devastating question: "Remember the world debt crisis?"

Every morning at 8.45, GAS's five editors — each responsible for a slice of the world — have an hour-long session with Maxey and his deputy John Whitehead to discuss the 10 or so events on which they will concentrate. "It's not hot news; and most of the stories could be done equally well next week," Maxey said.

On one day recently they discussed implications of the devaluation of the *zloty* in Poland, prospects for Spain and Argentina in 1987, Bolivian debt, the Iran-Iraq war and the British general election. "We're saying there won't be an election before October," said Maxey, aged 56. "Mrs Thatcher is inclined to go later rather than earlier. As regards the Iran-Iraq war, we don't come to a definite conclusion, but there is likely to be continued stalement and attrition. I gather the Americans are hinting at their readiness to clobber Iran, but they're just trying to make flesh creep in the context of the latest hostage-taking."

Although the headlines in every newspaper that day concerned Terry Waite, GAS ignored the story. "It's not of interest to our business clients. It won't affect markets or the price of oil," Maxey said.

Most of the stories are completed by mid-afternoon, written by analysts in the office with help from a network of 100 contributors — mainly academics and freelance journalists — and fed into their system for transmission on the Telecom Gold network between three and four in the afternoon (mid-morning in New York, where many of their 40 clients have offices).

The cost is from £2,400 to £16,250 a year, depending on the type of use — the daily newsletter (also known as a risk monitor), in-depth reports on 85 individual countries or access to analysts for specific questions.

Adrian Friend, who manages Merrill Lynch's international exposure group, said: "We obviously have our own experts, but information provided by GAS is a useful balance. In countries where we don't have particular expertise, it is a good source of timely and easily accessible information. If we want to know the latest situation in Poland, we can either go to the library, or we can have an up-to-date summary by pressing a couple of buttons on a computer screen."

Ros Drinkwater

Futurism: the GAS team — from left, Peter Maxey, Amy Hadden, Larry Trachtenberg and Andrew Smith

'I look on us as an on-line think-tank'

Andrew Smith, aged 32, who founded GAS two years ago, is an American who has lived in Britain since 1967. "The family came over when Dad was running Chase's London operation, and he now runs the West Deutsche Landesbank, so there's a bit of banking experience. I know the market pretty well, and we already have IBM, ICI, Unilever, Citibank, Chase and Shell among our clients. I look on us as an on-line think-tank."

In spite of the tortuous jargon of his trade and trite glimpses of the obvious in some reports ("China: foreign firms need knowledge and flexibility when seeking approval for large-scale projects"), Smith's basic idea, which he developed when he taught international relations at Oxford, is clearly feasible.

"I was intrigued that there was so little crossover between academics, government and commerce. Traditionally, the British have had a very 'seat of the pants' view in assessing risks. We're trying to help anticipate changes, as opposed to merely reacting.

"For instance, developments in China are now having a direct impact on the Hong Kong property and stock markets. We see some serious clouds that we didn't see three months ago because conservative reaction within China to modernization might mean tighter control over Hong Kong."

Nearer home, I wondered if they had forecast recent problems in the City. "We've always called 'Big Bang' the 'Big Hope'. A general sorting out is always messy and the City might now be more cut-throat, but it's a far more efficient meritocracy than it was."

Some of the meritocrats supply GAS with information. "We have confidential sources in clearing banks, the IMF and World Bank who do reports for us," Smith said. "It's very informal and so long as it's kept low-profile, nobody really knows. It helps the particular firm get a better feel for the market and helps us because we have a practitioner there telling us his views. We're useful because we don't have a corporate bias, and can go straight to the horse's mouth.

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DATAMANIA

Over the past 10 years, the expansion of the electronic information industry has been so dramatic that the international business community is often exasperated by the bewildering array of information services at its disposal.

According to Nigel Killick at First Market Intelligence, a company that monitors the electronic information industry in Britain, there are now some 55 organizations offering more than 300 electronically-delivered information services, on anything from oil prices to cooking recipies. New companies and services are emerging almost every month.

The burgeoning electronic information industry falls into three categories: teletext services such as Ceefax and Oracle with which most television viewers are now familiar; databases like Nexis and Datasolve, which are basically vast electronic libraries; and the so-called "real time" services provided by companies such as Reuters and Telerate, which provide up-to-the-minute market information on screen-based systems.

By mid-1986, Reuters had 85,799 terminals worldwide — up from 71,453 in 1985 — while the US-based company Telerate had 42,000 screens around the world, a 40 per cent increase in subscribers from the previous year. It is these real-time services that promise the biggest financial rewards.

There are about 12 companies in Britain providing real-time information, although Reuters and Telerate effectively dominate the industry. Both supply customers with video screens and keyboards; both are also the leading contenders in a struggle to dominate the electronic information industry worldwide.

Despite its initial hesitation and present confusion, the business community as a whole appears to have embraced the new electronic age with overwhelming enthusiasm. Companies have already adjusted to the advances in microprocessor technology, which have made the computer terminal almost as ubiquitous as the telephone, thereby giving the electronic information industry a ready-made market for expansion.

The headlong rush into electronic information systems has not been with its drawbacks. The proliferation of terminals has created what American businessmen refer to as their "desk-top real estate problem". Traders frequently find themselves with four terminals on their desks — and sometimes more — each of which is needed to enable them to operate effectively.

The cry has gone out for a standard screen — a single terminal that provides access to an information package containing everything required by the subscriber. Whoever succeeds in this race seems destined to become the new king of the silent screen.

Michael Dynes

When the wind blew

Last week the British Government took a small step towards cleaning up a giant nuclear mess in the Australian outback

The fields of thunder: an atomic blast at Maralinga in 1956

This year will mark the 20th anniversary of a muddled and ultimately fruitless attempt by Britain to clear up the deadly rubbish left after testing of atomic weapons in South Australia's Great Victoria desert. It is an anniversary Australians will not allow to go unmarked.

On a recent visit to Australia, I was astonished to discover the heat still generated by the issue, just as Australians were astounded to find yet another Briton showing ignorance of — or indifference to — the still-lingering conseqences of the tests at Maralinga, an Aboriginal word meaning Fields of Thunder.

Nor is the anger confined to those still dealing with the damage to the environment and to the humans who had lived in its midst. A year ago a Royal Commission pronounced that Britain's approach to the tests had shown "ignorance, incompetence and cynicism".

The debate turns on Britain's responsibility for cleansing the test area. After several years of testing during the 1950s, British soldiers and scientists conducted a once-and-for-all clearing operation in 1967 and gained a release from Australia. But now that operation is conceded to have been a bodged failure: in fact it *spread* the area of danger.

Two factors mitigate against Britain accepting a further cleaning bill. First, a second and thorough clean-up will be immensely costly (some estimates have suggested £100 million). Second, acceptance of liability might have legal implications for the personal-injury claims likely to follow a recent decision in a British court that ex-servicemen have a right to sue the nation.

Fears of committing itself in any legal sense also forced Britain into a grudging response — announced last week — to Australia's appeals for help in carrying out an investigation into the scale of the Maralinga problem and possible solutions. The UK has finally decided to meet half the £1.3 million cost of the exercise after earlier binding itself only to an offer of men and material.

Such weighty governmental preoccupations do not get much sympathy from Archie Barton, the Aborigine manager of the Maralinga Tjarutja Land Council at Yalata, the township 190 miles south of the test site to which many of the Maralinga people were shipped prior to the tests: "One morning 30 years ago there was this great flash in the sky, way to the west. I didn't know what it was. No matter what they say, not many of our people did know what was going on in their lands."

Barton came face to face with the afterglow of Maralinga 20 years later, when he went to Yalata. "They had brought the people here from the outback. Showed them how to live Western style. Some things have brought big benefits. But the problems have been bigger: drinking, petrol-sniffing, fights.

"For years the old men have wanted to go back. They knew that if they stayed our people would be destroyed. Last weekend I went back to the borders of our old land, the bits outside the fences. I found 100 people already trying to live out there, trying to relearn the old ways."

He continues: "No one knows what happened to all the people of Maralinga. When it happened they scattered. When people say Aboriginal people died in those tests, you really can't doubt it.

"The officials sent two patrols out to warn all the people in 76,000 square miles, put up notices, bring them in. But none of the people out there could read. They weren't used to the white man. If they didn't want to be seen, they were invisible."

More criticism comes from Dr John Symonds, official historian of the atomic testing for the Australian government, a former chief scientist with the Australian Atomic Commission and scientific consultant to the Royal Commission.

The 1967 attempt to bury plutonium dust up to 3ft 10in deep in the topsoil actually made things worse, he says. "It complicated matters both physically and politically. I go along with estimates that there was about 20 kilograms of plutonium buried in shallow graves. Now perhaps one kilo has come to the surface — both as a dust and in rather large lumpy pellets — to be blown about by the desert winds, perhaps scattered by as much as a mile in several directions.

"How serious is one kilo of plutonium dust? Well, a millionth part of a single gram is taken very seriously.

"As a moral nation, Britain simply cannot take refuge in the release given it after that bungled clear-up in 1967. That release was based on assurances that the plutonium had been made safe, but it was proved wrong. Britain surely can't behave like a shady car salesman, claiming, 'It was working fine when you drove off. It's not our fault the engine fell out a mile down the road'. Even the most moderate Australians cannot understand the British Government's attitude."

Brian James

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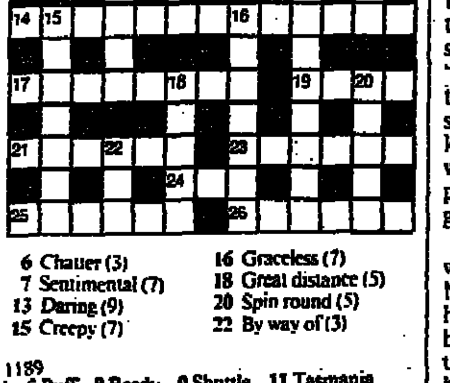

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FASHION

Olé to all

There is more to Iberian style than flamenco frills and black sombreros

Following the success of their French and Italian merchandise beanos, Harrods have turned to the Spanish to provide the goodies for their next major promotion. From March 7, the Knightsbridge store will be enveloped in a cloak of *viva España*, but those who envisage a riot of ruffles rampaging through the fashion floor will be sadly disappointed. Most of these Spanish fashions seem to be eminently wearable, but rather sober, clothes. There are a few exceptions to try to persuade us away from prejudice against fashion from the Iberian peninsular, with menswear from Roser Marcé, which will sell in Way In, looking the most effective. Adolfo Dominguez, whose creations will be on sale in the Young Designer Room, is also worth a detour for his contemporary, understated shapes in subdued earth tones.

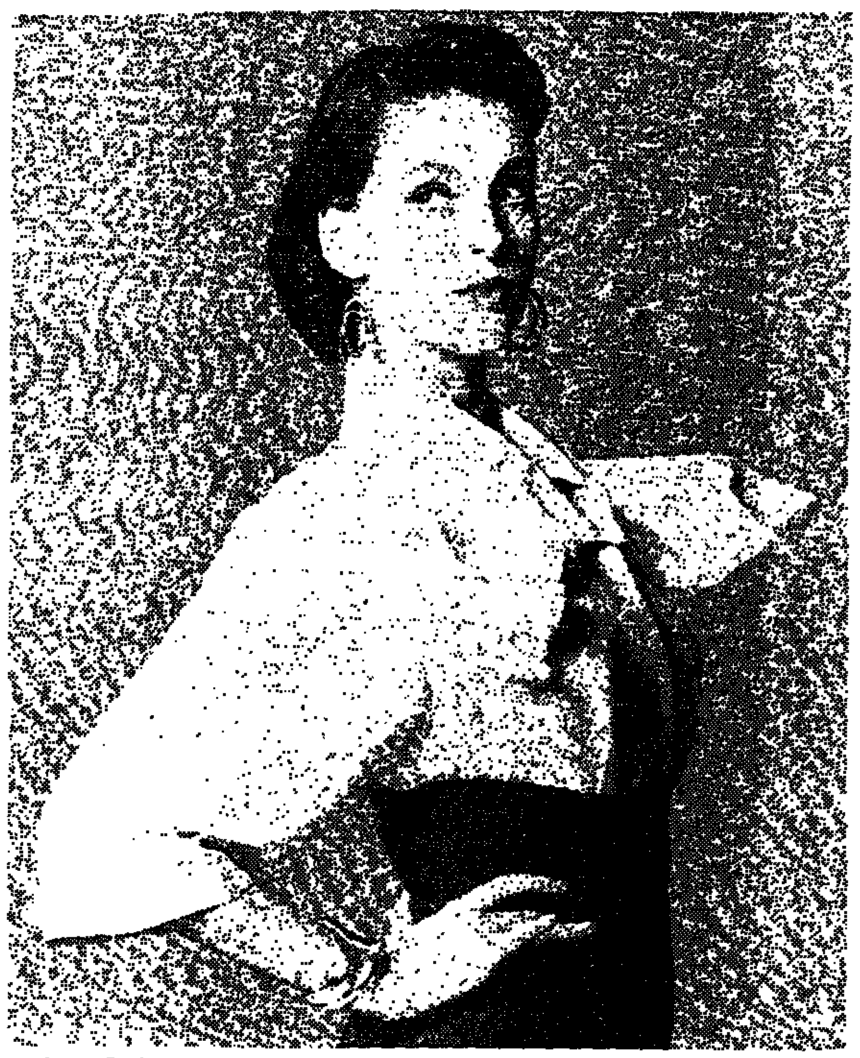
Strangely the one Spanish designer worthy of international attention, the young and talented Sybilla, is nowhere to be seen. Perhaps the fashion buyers from the first floor will cross Hans Crescent to A la Mode or venture into Browns's Sloane Street branch to check out Sybilla's wired collars, knot-fronted dresses and wrap skirts. All appealingly but wearably avant-garde.

A la Mode and Browns are also stocking the sculptural work of jewellery designer Joaqim Berao, which features one of this season's most covetable accessories — a huge solid silver cuff, selling at £289.

But the Spanish government promotion has held no sway with the British fashion buyers, who are not flocking to the Barcelona fashion fair for this week's collections. The general opinion is that most of the new Spanish designers are still at the wild and whacky student stage and need time to mature.

When it comes to Spanish fashion in the popular frills and black hats mode, our own designers have it taped, with Betty Jackson's embroidered gaucho shirts and stetsons leading the way, and frilled and tiered skirts a staple of almost all the high street ranges.

Jane Procter



Above: Sybilla's wired collar shirt, £85; skirt, £110; Joaqim Berao's silver cuff, £289, all from A la Mode, SW1; Browns, W1. Earrings, £45, Cobra and Bellamy, SW1

Harvey Nichols extends horizons

PEOPLE

Harvey Nichols, the "designer" light in *Sir Ralph Halpern's* Debenhams empire, is scheduled for a shake up. Following the defection of the former managing director, Michael Ellis Jones, to the House of Fraser from March 23, Sir Ralph has seconded one of his heavier-weights to run the show.

Roy Booth — currently at the helm of both Principles and Evans — is to add the role of chief executive at H N to his workload. To help ensure the Burton presence in this resolutely un-Burton-like store, another of *Halpern's* closest advisors, top PR consultant Lindy Woodhead, joins the Harvey Nichols board of directors this week.

Woodhead hopes to extend the Harvey Nichols horizons and give out-of-towners a bite of the apple with HN stores in key cities nationwide. "Nieman Marcus has four stores across the United States," she explains and adds, to confound speculation that the elite style may not find favour outside SW3, "Rifat Ozbek may not sell north of Watford, but Maxmara will."

Redeveloping, redecorating and expansion are already under way and this March Ralph Lauren departments will open on both the men's and the women's floors and a new Hyper Hyper section will be launched downstairs in Zone.

Move over, haute couture

"Who dares wins" could be the new motto of the Fretwell family. Not daunted for a minute by the coals to Newcastle connotation of her venture, ***Lady Fretwell****, the wife of Britain's ambassador to Paris, has organized a major fashion extravaganza to wave the flag in France, which has in the past ignored British fashion talent. On March 2 the Paris embassy will open its doors to some 300 guests, including the top French buyers.*

The designers presenting their collections are - Bruce Oldfield, Caroline Charles, Alistair Blair, Benny Ong and Bodymap.

Frocks on the Box, *the TVS networked fashion show set to eclipse the BBC's* Clothes Show, *is co-sponsoring the event with those other British bulldogs Jaguar cars and jewellers Mappin and Webb.* Frocks on the Box *will be screening the event in its southern region show on March 9 at 8pm, and again for national viewers on March 12 at 3pm. The success of the event appears to have its supporters at French* Vogue *who are currently compiling an exclusively British feature for their April edition. Anna Wintour, British* Vogue's *editor, should be delighted to hear that the Parisian stylists are taking a leaf out of her edition and requesting outfits from its pages to photograph for theirs.*

Recognized as one of the best British clothes horses, actress *Patricia Hodge* (above) has bolted from her stable diet of Jean Muir classics. At tonight's party to celebrate the arrival of the new Basile collection from Italy, she will be well turned out in silks and linen, in her personal colours: ginger, black and white.

Well-heeled elegance

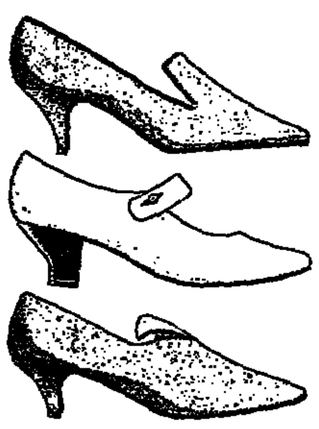
Following closely in the footsteps of prettier spring fashions, shoes are echoing the feminine feel with shapely heels to replace the perennial flat pumps and heavy boots of the last few seasons. Young shoe designers are coming up with styles reminscent of the 1930s and '40s. Emma Hope's collection, commissioned by Betty Jackson to accompany her spring collection, includes dainty mules and flat slippers in soft suede and grosgrain.

Pumps and sandals are fine for weekends and holidays, but the season's prettier clothes warrant a heel to flatter the ankle.

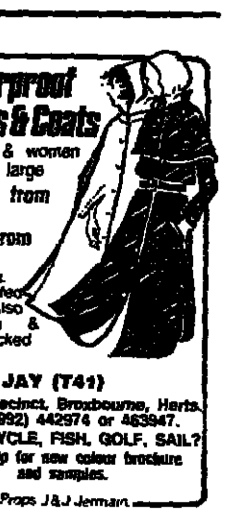
Avant-garde designer Johnny Moke displays his shoes as aesthetic objects in his King's Road shop. Moke produces footwear shaped like sculptures with heels as elegant pedestals; colours vary from delicate tea-rose pink to mahogany brown.

Designer Edina Ronay has worked with shoemaker Patrick Cox to create the soft kid button-up dancers' shoes on sale at her King's Road shop. A similar shape comes from Next whose branches throughout the country are selling a button-up alabaster coloured shoe along the same elegant lines as their cotton jersey floral dresses and striped silk separates.

So tone up your calf muscles, lazy after years of comfortable flat shoes, and prepare to walk tall into summer.



Top: Suede stilettos, £75, by Johnny Moke
Centre: Button-bar shoes, £35.99 from Next branches
Above: Embroidered heel shoes, £89 by Emma Hope from Midas and Whistles



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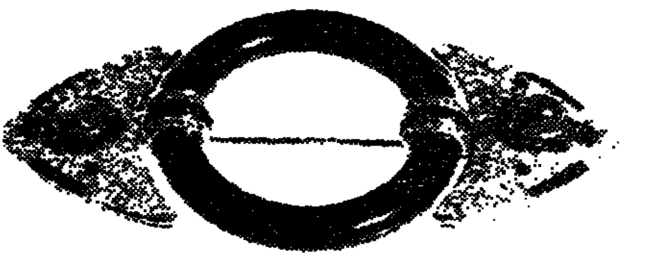

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From catwalk to customer

How to translate designer style into desirable dressing? Jane Procter puts you in the picture

With the three-week stretch of international fashion reporting about to begin, it seems a good time to look at what the reports on next autumn's collections mean to anyone outside the industry. At best, show reports and runway pictures epitomize a look for a coming season, but at worst they alienate the reader by the extreme presentation of otherwise perfectly wearable clothes.

Catwalk clothes could be more instantly accessible but then the fashion creators would forfeit their right to present a total look. And if this means acccessorizing delicate diaphanous dresses with Doc Marten boots — so be it; it is their prerogative.

Designer shows display the clothes in the way they were conceived; so, if innocent waif is the story, the accessories, the make-up and the hairstyles will all concur. Should the press and buyers in the audience still miss the message, the music and the staging will also echo the theme. New shapes are one thing to take on board, but when faced with avant-garde shoes, theatrical jewellery, futuristic hairstyles and make-up as well, most people who are not obsessed with frocks (and, for that matter, many who are) simply give up.

But for the interested onlooker, the shows are all about getting the eye accustomed to the latest shapes. And in a spring season such as this, when the silhouette is being upturned — the volume of the *Dallasty* shoulders re-emerging as a fullness in the skirt — the basic shapes beg for close examination.

Readers are often unsure about the relevance of being shown clothes that are not already in the shops. Some might prefer to see clothes that are available now, and forego the privilege of previewing what they may not wish to wear nor be able to afford. But this is Canutist; fashion does not stand still, and cynics who pretend to ignore the relentless change need merely to study the width of their lapels, or the construction of the armholes on their jackets, to realize that, willingly or not, their appearance is eventually affected by the dictates of style.

This spring the headlines have trumpeted the year of the sweet young flirt — swing with cling is the song on the turntable — and the verse to heed is lock up your trousers and swirl through spring in a bouncy, billowy skirt. Indeterminate hems will triumph, and anyone who predicts his Stock Exchange prices on the height of the hemline is in for a big dipper ride.

On the surface this may sound like a fashion for 14-year-olds, one that has little to offer the grown ups. Nonsense; firstly, not all the skirts are cut thigh-high, which is what frightens off most British women, racked with anxiety about their legs, and secondly the salient points are a softening-up of the shapes and a shift of focus from shoulder to hip, not a return to ringlets and "Ring a ring a roses".

To illustrate this, we have taken two of the more complicated skirts from the spring collections, shown them as they were first unveiled on the catwalk and then photographed them the way we would like to see them worn. First, there is a short cotton skirt from Richmond Cornejo, that looked particularly daunting with its attendant granny boots and dreadlocks. The skirt looks like a full circle, but a close inspection reveals that the two sides are cut to form pointed pouches of fabric. The wearer's legs emerge from a central opening and a button tab front is caught up to give extra drape and emphasize the pouches, as well as exhibit more length of leg.

The second example from Commes des Garcons is the more instantly recognizable — as it is nearly a bubble skirt. Nearly but not quite; in the hands of Rei Kawakubo, the gifted Japanese designer, the bubble skirt is displayed with gaping holes and an indeterminate hem line. Cut on the bias, the fabric is doubled over and caught on to the waistband to give the requisite puffed effect.

Worn with simple shirts, sweaters and shoes, these skirts are really surprisingly normal. The look, once outrageous, becomes infinitely wearable and certainly not remarkable because of its oddity. Photographed on a beautiful girl, with alluring make-up and glossy hair, the catwalk to customer transition is complete.

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Above: Skirt, £190 by Comme Des Garçons from Browns, W1; cardigan, £58 from Whistles branches. Shoes, £47.99 from Hobbs branches
Insert: As the skirt appeared in Paris last October

Above left: Skirt, £94 from Richmond Cornejo, 2 Newburgh Street, W1; silk "body", £74.95 by Sheridan Barnett for Reldan from Rackhams of Birmingham, Selfridges, W1. Shoes, £350, Ralph Lauren, W1
Insert: The skirt as shown at last October's London collections

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As if Labour did not have enough problems with the press, Labour's own monthly magazine this morning launches a scathing attack on the party and its leadership. In an *editorial in New Socialist*, published from Labour's Walworth Road HQ, its editor, Stuart Weir, says the party is stuck "obstinately just short of the threshold of power". He lays the blame on the "short-term quality" of its politics. "On a whole range of issues lately, from heating allowances to the Zircon affair, Labour politicians have frequently seemed merely opportunistic," he says. "The fundamental weakness in Labour's present position is that it seems to lack the will or intention to bring about radical change. No vision, if you like." As for the front bench, it allows its agenda to be set by the government, media and opinion polls – in contrast to Mrs Thatcher, who "addressed herself to the public outside" in 1979. I wouldn't want to be around when Neil Kinnock reads his copy.

● **Stanley Gibbons has discovered that a printing error on a sheet of stamps issued for Nevis in the Caribbean has given the Queen an extra set of eyes. With what looks like *lèse-majesté*, the firm is flogging them for a tenner each.**

Moggicide

There is a new hazard to putting your moggy in for a cat show prize, apart from its coming second to the neighbours' tabby. It may be killed by a rival owner. At the last National Cat Show, at London's Olympia, frequent loudspeaker announcments were made warning owners to move water dishes to the back of the cages. Organizers feared that poison could be slipped into the bowls. The latest *Cats* magazine says that one owner who swallowed the acid posion intended for her cat almost died. The cat wasn't so lucky. "I call it murder," says editor Brian Doyle. Both the RSPCA and Cat Fancy, the feline equivalent of the Kennel Club, tell me they are aware of what is going on, but so far there has only been one successful conviction.

Urbanity

Jerzy Urban, the Polish government's diminutive chief spokesman, was in waggish mood when he visited Oxford last week. Sitting in the oaklined splendour of All Souls College, where he was addressing the university's Strategic Studies Group, he did not bother to recite industrial output figures. Instead the bald-headed sometime journalist pointed to a series of opinion polls that appeared to show an upswing in government poularity. According to the pollsters, only one government minister has failed to capture Polish hearts. "They show I am the least trusted person in the country," he announced with a beaming smile.

● **First the Royal Television Society garlands Kate Adie for the Libyan bombing coverage that upset Norman Tebbit. Now Bath University is to award her an honorary degree. She'll end up a DBE at this rate.**

Word picture

New York may have been shocked by Andy Warhol's sudden death – but not enough for Christie's to call off an auction of three of his new paintings of Martha Graham, despite the dancer's original request. Meanwhile, I hear that Warhol's gravestone will be inscribed with the single word "Figment" – a reference to his belief that life is all an illusion.

BARRY FANTONI

'Interesting! I've got Glenys Kinnock just ahead of Labour.'

Pump politics

Odd, but down at the petrol pumps in the Kentish seaside town of Dymchurch they talk of little but Lewisham Council's determination to overthrow the South African regime. A local garage, which for years has fuelled the bus that takes the London borough's old folk to its holiday home, is set to be clobbered by the council's anti-apartheid policy. A committee investigating links with the Botha regime discovered that the garage has a contract with Shell, which is under pressure to withdraw from South Africa. Dymchurch is putting a brave face on the prospect of losing Lewisham's £2,300-a-year custom. Though the council insists its paper work is in order, the garage's owners confide: "They never paid on time anyway."

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The real issue for Anglicans

by Edward Norman

Two issues are unavoidably mixed together in the present crisis of the Church of England. If it was easy to separate them, the contending parties would not be, as they unhappily are, locked in some fundamental differences of view. As in all matters of genuine gravity, furthermore, reason and virtue and balance of judgement are pretty evenly distributed across the lines of division.

The first and most visible issue, that of the ordination of women to the priesthood, is in some senses the simplest to express: it is something of a superstructural affair hanging above a more deeply-laid problem.

Positions here have been drawn out with some clarity during debates of recent years which have actually been notable, at all levels of the synodical structure of the church, for informed argument. Some participants, it is true, have been shocked by the extravagance of language employed by a fringe of ecclesiastical feminism, but this has progressively worn away in the more considered study of the complicated yet essential task of deciding what is fundamental in religious attitudes and what is ephemeral – what is conditional upon the customs and ideas of each age.

To an increasing number of people the debate (to be resumed in the General Synod on Thursday) has seemed less and less to turn on secular principles, as once it did when the case for women priests was represented as an aspect of women's rights in general. It has come instead to be regarded as a kind of "development": that the ministry of women is not a matter of "rights" but of service, undertaken within an historic order of priesthood now to be enhanced in a manner suited to the legitimate expectations of the age. Nothing is lost, but much added.

It is another accretion in the church's perpetual addition of the wisdom of succeeding moments of human culture. It is a variant of Cardinal Newman's famous teaching about "development" in the sphere not of doctrine, but of church order – though in a fashion, it has to be admitted, that the greatest of 19th-century English religious thinkers would have observed with minimal enthusiasm.

Those of High Church views might actually have found much in the idea of women's ordination to attract them. For here is a very coherent statement of the objectivity of religious truth and of sacraments, whose reality does not depend upon the accidents of our intelligence, or emotions, or sexuality, but upon the independent dispensation of God.

Of all things, in such a perspective, priesthood should be free of worldly distinctions. It is rather like that most splendid of the Articles of the Church of England which declares that the unworthiness of ministers does not invalidate the sacraments. If unworthiness in men does not, the divine distribution of sexual attributes certainly should not.

Attitudes on these dimensions of the matter may be adduced with reasonable clarity, and when all the calculations have been done, and the prophetic judgements garnered, the positions of the parties at present in dispute can be discerned with some precision.

The same cannot be said for the second issue. This involves the "doctrine of the church" itself, and is extremely fundamental. The "doctrine of the church" concerns the very means by which religious truth is known to be true. In the Church of England, surprisingly, the matter has rather lacked definition. This has not been for want of trying. When all the witticisms about the C of E allowing everyone to believe whatever they like have moved off to the periphery of the intelligentsia, a long and serious, but unresolved, debate becomes visible. The problem is a Reformation inheritance.

The practical Erastianism of the church of the 16th century in England – the government of the church by the laity in parliament – had the consequence of laying to one side some crucial questions about the manner of defining church doctrine. The newly-formulated title-deeds declared that the authority of general councils of the church (which themselves could err, however) was still to be regarded as supreme; but with the universal church now more than ever in institutional disarray, the means of convening such bodies has passed away.

Now the question of women priests is not in theory a matter of doctrine, but of ecclesiastical order and discipline. To that extent it ought not to be the cause of organic division or schism. When some leaders of the Oxford Movement betook themselves to Rome in the middle of the last century it was not because of differences of view over mere problems of church order but because they no longer believed that their Catholic doctrine of the church was embodied in the Church of England.

Yet the question of women priests does in practice affect the doctrine of the church since Catholics, inside and outside the Church of England, are doubtful if the Apostolical Succession can operate through a female priesthood, and so authenticate the bodies who would determine religious truth. Hence the real seriousness of the issue.

The Anglican establishment has always maintained that as the legitimate successor of the Church of Augustine in this country it is properly a part, a "branch", of historic Christianity. It envisages the church as an organic unity – of which the other "branches" are Roman Catholicism and Orthodoxy – which is in a state of lamentable separation, but is nevertheless still one.

The other historic churches have their own view of that, of course, and they do not coincide. But the Church of England's problem now is how, in the absence of the authority of a general council, or an equivalent consensus, it can move ahead on the question of the ordination of women without fatally jettisoning its claim to be part of a greater body. This has been the ecumenical complication in the discussion of women's ordination for the last couple of decades. The other churches regard the matter as fundamental.

It is not therefore the question of women's ordination as such which is the ultimate sticking-point; it is a matter of chance that this happens to raise, in a particularly emotive fashion, a basic issue of how decisions are made in religious institutions which are, through historical determination, organically separated. It is about whether the Church of England is part of a wider church at all.

Some will find this all tediously formalistic. But it underlies the thinking of many opponents of the ordination of women and is to be treated seriously.

The majority may well decide that the spiritual offence offered to God in rejecting the vocations so plainly possessed by many women is a worse course than complicating still further the Church of England's inherent difficulties about its own pedigree. It is a finely balanced matter for some; and probably, in the existing terms of reference, there is no satisfactory solution. Yet there has to be solution of some sort.

In the end the day should go to those whose priority, whatever the formal complications, is to encourage a Christian ministry most suited to combat the fearful secularization of the times. When it comes to a determination of priorities that is surely the most urgent.

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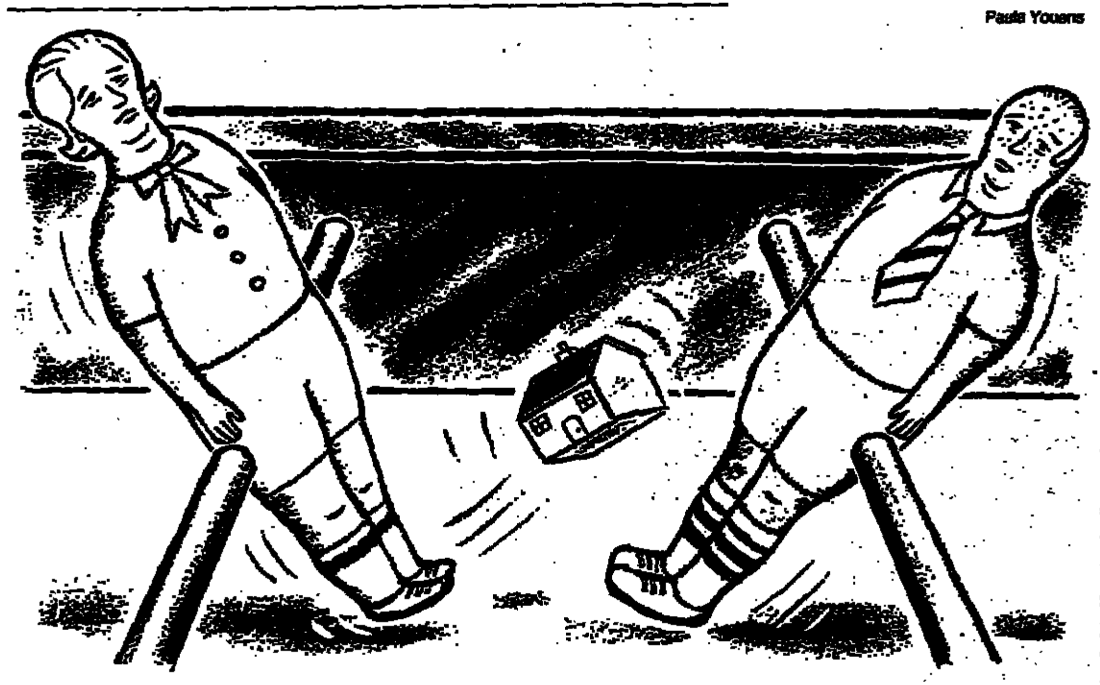
Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Paula Youens



Why the royal referee can't stop the game

It can be asserted without qualification that the Duke of Edinburgh thinks that daffodils are more beautiful than cockroaches. I shall go further; His Royal Highness prefers fine weather to howling gales accompanied by sleet. Having gone that far, I shall risk all: I am willing to wager any sum you care to put down that he thinks that being tickled with a feather is preferable to being hit on the head by a Chelsea Pensioner's wooden leg.

These revelations are not, I must make clear, based on any breach of the royal confidence. He did not say these things to me off the record; he did not say them to me at all. Indeed, he did not say them to anybody. They are pure deduction on my part, based on what he did say, only a few days ago, in public and for attribution.

He was talking about housing; he had observed that the condition in which millions of this country's people live constitutes (not that he put it in such controversial terms, though I do) an atrocious and unforgivable scandal in a nation which considers itself civilized. But he is not simply a theoretician of bad housing; he has a plan to abate the scandal. It consists of providing "comfortable homes which people can afford". Furthermore:

> Surely it would be possible to treat housing as a politically neutral matter where only the interests of the people seeking housing are taken into account.

Now, perhaps, you can see why I was so confident in my guesses at the duke's opinions. For perfect weather and daffodils and such cannot be brought about merely by insisting that they should be. And his yearning for housing to be taken out of politics is in exactly the same category.

From time to time, over the years, some non-partisan figure has made this plea on behalf of almost every service you can think of. Surely defence ought not to be a political football? Surely education ought to be treated as a politically neutral matter? Surely health – *salus populi suprema est lex*, after all – must be taken out of the hands of ideologues? Surely employment, foreign affairs, economic policy, transport, Northern Ireland, immigration, the arts, sport, the shocking price of beer – surely all of these should be removed from the sphere of politics?

I have an idea. Let us take politics out of politics; the rest will follow. But it will follow, I fear, only when the sea has turned to lemonade, the land to gingerbread and the cockroaches to daffodils.

The duke cannot, of course, take political sides. But if he could, he would have to. The moment one party says A and the other says B, even if the second party does not say B merely *because* the first has said A, we are in politics, and the football is being booted about the field. It can be stated as a syllogism: the importance of any subject to the people bears no necessary relation to the extent of general agreement as to what should be done about it. That, I have to tell His Royal Highness, is why we have politics, and in particular parties.

Parties grew up to represent interests. They still do, though much less than in their early days. But they also represent, and increasingly, conflicting views not only of how the people's lives may be bettered, but of what "bettered" means. As it happens, the duke's subject is a political football on only one of the two fields; when he says that what we need is the provision of "comfortable homes which people can afford", there is none to deny it. But how we get that provision – ah, that's where the teams come trotting out in their different colours, and in no time at all the football is being kicked from boot to boot, and the most appalling fouls are being committed in the very sight of the royal referee, who has no power to send any player off, or even to take his name.

Now, however, I propose to say what the duke, because of his constitutional position, cannot say. If you walk from one end of Oxford Street to the other (it also works with your local equivalent) you will discover that in the countless clothes-shops and department stores it is possible for a shopper on a very modest income to be clothed from head to foot, undies and all, decently, warmly, attractively and stylishly, for less than half a week's wages. If you wander away from the main thoroughfare, you will soon happen upon a selection of supermarkets, in which you can buy, for a lot less than half a week's wages, enough clean, fresh, neatly-wrapped food, in almost incomprehensible variety, to keep you fed for a month. If you want to visit your great-aunt Ada, and you do not like either the price of British Rail's tickets or the condition of its trains, you can take a clean, fast, safe private bus for a quarter of the cost. Furniture, linen, electrical goods, records, toys, wristwatches, holidays, entertainment, cars, newspapers – but there is no point in my piling up more examples; all you have to do is count the competitors, and you will understand a good deal about economics.

But there are three gigantic exceptions to the provision of excellence for all at prices that all (other than the very poorest) can afford. The first and worst is housing; the second is health; the third is education. What quality do these have in common, which all my other examples (and the several thousand more that I spared you) lack? The answer is that they are all, in one way or another, controlled artificially – by prices their providers may not exceed, by the opportunities they may not take, by the choice they may not offer.

When a Labour government abolished, overnight, the provision of cheap rented furnished accommodation (by making it subject to the controls suffered by the unfurnished kind), it was a political act, and a damned silly one, too. When, one day, a Conservative government repeals that legislation, and for good measure the older laws governing unfurnished lettings also, it will be another political act. When we persuaded ourselves that we could have "free" health care – a delusion which led directly and ineluctably to the present lamentable condition of the NHS – it was a political act; when, similarly, we admit that our NHS is not free, but abominably and unnecessarily expensive, and start charging modest and means-tested sums for it, while also providing a considerable expansion of health care entirely outside it, that will be a political act, too. When education – but again, I need not go on. The point is that there is no reason at all why housing, health and education should not be available in a profusion and variety as great as that of clothes, food and transport. Or rather: there *is* a reason, and the reason is that no government, not even the present one, has yet dared to tell the truth about these restricted necessities, let alone act upon the truth and free them from their restrictions.

There is no path to cheap plenty other than the one which leads through the gates of competition, and no one can squeeze through those gates wrapped round in the bulk of statutory control. Anyone over 50 can remember when everything was price-regulated and most things rationed as well, and a pretty wretched world it was, too. Only when the controls were lifted did the world brighten up; the fears that only the rich would be able to afford the uncontrolled prices proved illusory (because mass production and competition soon brought the prices down) and the result has been the present prosperity, unimagined and unimaginable forty years ago, of most of Britain's people.

But not in housing, or health, or education. Nor, incidentally, in employment; there, too, price-control, albeit setting minimum prices, not maximum, has had a disastrous effect on supply.

Who, in which party, will put the axe to the roots of this Upas-tree? Obviously no one in the Labour Party. The Tories have done a little throat-clearing on the subject of employment, but taken no action along these lines; they have done nothing about the NHS, and have not even said anything other than "it's safe with us"; about housing they have neither said nor done anything at all; the only front on which movement can be discerned – and not much so far – is education.

The Liberals are no better than Labour and the Tories; Dr Owen has made a few of the right noises, but nobody has been alarmed, because nobody believes he will ever be in a position to translate noises into action. Only Mr Gorbachev, as far as I can see, wants to increase competition in order to increase prosperity, and I can hardly urge my readers to vote CPSU at the next election. What we need is for Mrs Thatcher to give a series of promises that bind a Tory government to keep housing policy, the NHS and the educational system exactly as they are, and then to break all three vows in the first week after her re-election. I suppose that is too much to hope for. Oh, well, it will have to be Gorbachev after all.

Catherine Marsh

Polls do alter the political agenda

Opinion pollsters often act as democratic champions, proclaiming that their polls genuinely reflect what the people think. Critics worry that polls can have a bandwagon effect and actually influence what the people think.

Both assume that public opinion can be read directly off survey results. However, for opinion to be described as "public" it is not enough to have wrung it out of a sample of citizens; there is the clear implication that the subject matter is a topic of debate, the kind of thing you could expect to hear strangers discussing in a pub.

Polls, however, are frequently conducted on issues that are not on the public agenda in this way, and can give a false impression of what the people are currently thinking *about*.

By and large, people are obliging, keen to agree and willing to answer questions when they have only the haziest ideas of the issues at stake, or, indeed, have no opinions at all. In a famous spoof poll in the United States in the late 1940s, more than 70 per cent of those interviewed expressed a judgement about the entirely fictitious Metallic Metals Act.

The modern electorate is more poll-conscious and replications of this study produce much larger proportions (even majorities) volunteering "don't know"; when asked whether the fictitious Public Affairs Act of 1975 should be repealed or not, for example, nearly two-thirds of people admitted that they had no opinion.

Nevertheless, the possibility remains that many issues remain as mysterious to people as the Metallic Metals or Public Affairs acts. While there are established techniques to filter out those with no opinions, these are rarely employed in opinion-polling; newspapers in search of a racy headline or pressure groups wanting to claim a mandate for their views are rarely prepared to pay for the extra questions required.

Even when people are familiar with a topic, they may not think it particularly important. Yet the salience of an issue is neglected in polling too, and the results may be publicized in a way that suggests that the public is clamouring for action when it may be largely indifferent.

In fact, the subject matter of opinion polls often fails to match what we know of the current concerns of the general public, as measured, for example, by Gallup when they ask people what are the two most urgent problems facing the country. This question provides a valuable corrective to the usual closed-ended question, since respondents are not prompted by pre-coded answers.

Since the summer of 1980, unemployment has been named by a majority as either the most urgent or next most urgent issue, yet few opinion polls are conducted on the subject. The most recent systematic study of the content of opinion polls reported in the British press in 1980 found only 2 per cent of stories about unemployment. More recent evidence suggests that the topic is still not a favourite of pollsters: of 86 polls cited in the *Times* index for the first nine months of 1986, only two were about unemployment.

Similarly, concern about the National Health Service and the education system has been growing quite sharply in the last couple of years, but there are virtually no polls on these subjects. Trawling of the *Times* index for 1986 failed to reveal a single case of a poll on either health or education.

On the other hand, almost all major strikes in recent years have been accompanied by a poll asking the public whom it sided with, whether the strikers' cause was just, and whether a particular pay claim was thought to be inflationary. This was despite the fact that strikes and inflation are distinct issues in most people's minds, and that strikes infrequently register on Gallup's barometer of public concern. Indeed, strikes have only twice become items of public concern – during the "winter of discontent" in early 1979 and during the miners' strikes.

Polls also contribute toward the setting of the public agenda by influencing the angles from which a subject is discussed. For example, there was a lot of polling about nuclear defence during the 1983 election campaign at a time when the public was certainly concerned about defence as an issue; more attention, however, was given to Polaris and the possibility of Britain renouncing its independent nuclear weapon system, than to cruise missiles and the control of US weapons based in Britain.

When anti-abortion lobbies sponsor polls, the questions tend to refer to the death of the foetus and to concentrate on time limits for abortions, whereas pro-abortion lobbies ask about termination of pregnancy and elicit views on abortions when the risk of deformity is high.

The results of different polls can appear contradictory; almost everyone approves of an early abortion where there is risk to the mother's life, yet a bland question about whether one approves of abortion "always . . . only in certain circumstances . . . never" produces a substantial minority saying they would never approve.

On average, there is now at least one report of an opinion poll in every national or local newspaper in both Britain and the US. Few people admit to changing their minds after seeing poll results, but most now claim to be aware of them. It would be absurd to argue that the publication of a single poll on a topic dramatically affects the public agenda. It is, however, equally disingenuous to argue that opinion polls act merely as the neutral transmitter of public opinion while neglecting the strong selection of what is and what is not polled about.

The conduct and publication of a poll itself helps to define what is or is not public opinion.

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Frank Johnson in the Commons

Peasants' blow to nuclear power

The House yesterday debated "the proposed nuclear power station at Sizewell in Suffolk".

From the point of view of politicians, the trouble with nuclear power is that you never know when something is going to blow up - be it a nuclear power station in the Soviet Union or, as the hysterics are always reminding us, the planet.

If such an explosion happens, it is assumed that the last party to be most associated with this form of energy will get most of the blame. This makes it a particularly difficult subject in an election year.

The Conservatives in general are in favour of nuclear power. But, as well the above-mentioned electoral considerations, a Conservative government, like any government, must take into account the objections of MPs from constituencies surrounding any new nuclear power station.

So yesterday, on the Tory backbenches, there seethed the leaders of East Anglia's powerful *kulak* or rich peasant class. Ideally, like most of us, they would like East Anglia to return to what it looks like in Constables.

Their attitude, however, is that, if anyone is going to be allowed to loose noxious chemicals on the Suffolk countryside, it should continue to be the sturdy, subsidized East Anglian farmers, who have tilled or polluted their ancestral soil for generations.

But if this nuclear power station cannot be avoided, then they would rather it were built under a Tory government, since the Tories might help with any extra burden on the local rates, and the Labour Party is now sworn to liquidate Britain's *kulaks*.

The leaders at Westminster of rural East Anglia do not put it as baldly as that. One of them, Sir Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C) was able to phrase it with more tactfully yesterday. He made a rational speech which, for that reason, was the subject of some scorn on the anti-nuclear Labour benches. Sir Eldon wore the traditional costume worn by East Anglian yeoman when reaping Common Market banknotes. That is a simple pin-stripe suit.

He quoted the Layfield Report as saying that the power station would be "an intrusion into the Suffolk countryside". He also demanded that "no stone be left unturned" to make sure that any station was safe.

Then came a passage in which he said that nuclear power was necessary in the national interest. He also said it was necessary to bring prosperity to the Third World. He said he was chairman of an Anglo-Indian group and that nuclear power was necessary to provide "light for their children to read by and warmth for their old people".

This was greeted with much ribaldry by the Labour Party which has long colonized the Third World as a parliamentary topic and does not like Tories going on expeditions deep into the party's imperial territories. Finally, Sir Eldon asked if Suffolk could be helped with the extra costs caused to the rates. (Labour cries of "why?")

The Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Peter Walker, confined himself to saying that that, for the first time in his parliamentary career, he was just here to listen and not to give an opinion himself. Most Labour members assumed that this was because his mind was made up.

Outrage against the whole idea of nuclear power came from the chief Opposition spokesman on energy, Mr Stanley Orme, a permanently outraged figure whose very surname suggests some sort of international measurement of indignation, as in: the speech registered 120. 9 Ormes.

Mr Tony Benn was also against it. As always, when he speaks about nuclear power, he was anxious to remind us, before anyone else could, that he was once for it.

Indeed, those of us of a certain age were brought up to believe that nuclear fission had two fathers: Einstein and Benn.

Yesterday Mr Benn made a brilliant speech explaining why he had been wrong, a speech raising the distinct possibility that he might be wrong again.

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AFTER DINNER IN PARIS

The Italians' decision to cut short their French weekend with the finance ministers and central bank governors of the other leading financial nations was unfortunate in suggesting disunity just at the moment when unity was most important. If the agreement to stabilise exchange rates at around their current levels is to achieve anything it has got to have the full commitment of all concerned.

The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Bettino Craxi, is no doubt right in thinking that Italy's demand for an invitation to dinner with the group of Five as well to lunch with the Group of Seven is good domestic politics. But, even at the domestic level there seem to be few political points in securing the removal of the June summit from Venice to some other rendezvous. From an economic point of view Italy has something to gain from better co-ordination of policies internationally, where that is possible, just like everyone else.

Italy clearly has to be in on any discussions about currencies and their management. This is true in practice, quite apart from questions of *amour propre*. But it is equally true that smaller groups may be appropriate on other occasions – in this case primarily bilateral groups of the major players, Germany, Japan and the US.

Whether the communique is issued by a Group of five, six or seven, the importance of the Paris meeting is less the action agreed than the collective view which was taken of the current world economy. The Plaza agreement in the autumn of 1985 secures a place in history as the event which touched off the long decline in the dollar. But in reality it focused market forces which were already present. Paris will only be as successful in arresting the dollar's fall as Plaza was in reversing its over-valuation if governments have again succeeded in identifying the turning point.

Little was agreed at the weekend in the way of significant policy changes. Germany's coalition government has agreed to increase the Dm9 billion of tax cuts already scheduled for next year but has not been able to say by how much. Markets – and the Americans – would have been more impressed by bigger cuts in the current year.

The Japanese Finance Minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, is personally committed to expanding domestic demand in the Japanese economy. But old habits die hard and the preference for gaining growth through exports rather than spending at home is still ingrained in the Japanese way of thinking.

As for the US, Mr Baker confirmed yesterday that the Reagan administration would continue to press for reductions in the federal deficit in line with the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation. But although the President may propose, Congress disposes. Good intentions will not be enough.

The main corrective to the American trade deficit and its counterpart surpluses in Germany and Japan will remain the effect of the fall in the dollar against the mark and the yen. There are two views on whether the dollar has now fallen far enough to bring trade back gradually closer towards balance. Some economists think that in view of the slow progress in curbing both the budget deficit and the trade deficit since Plaza the dollar needs to fall still further. The more optimistic view, which the six countries meeting in Paris have taken, is that the effects of dollar depreciation are bound to be slow in showing through because, although a weaker dollar increases American competitiveness, it also makes it harder in the short term to earn as much foreign exchange from a given volume of exports.

Recent indicators give some support to the view that trends are beginning to change. The latest US trade figures show a big improvement. German and Japanese export industries are complaining loudly. Currencies themselves have also been more stable in the last few weeks.

If the six countries are right, then it makes sense to try to stop exchange rates overshooting the target. The substance of the agreement is to engage in concerted intervention in the currency market to discourage any further substantial fall in the dollar. An unspecific agreement of this kind seems greatly preferable to any detailed framework such as those publicly announced reference zones that are so dear to the French and have lately been given some support by Mr Baker.

Nevertheless it will only work if the underlying economic indicators are moving in the right direction. Intervention in support of exchange rates which are clearly at odds with underlying forces in the economy has left many a government poorer and wiser.

PERSONAL POLITICS

Conservatives take no trouble to conceal their preference for being beaten by Labour rather than by the Alliance if they have to be beaten at all. At Greenwich this Thursday they know that, short of a miracle, they cannot win. They therefore profoundly hope that Labour will. They believe that if the voters are clear that their only real choice is between the Tories and Mr Kinnock's Labour Party, with its heavy hard left contingent, Mrs Thatcher will win the coming general election.

Nothing, this argument runs, must be allowed to build up the Alliance's credibility. The boost to the Alliance from a victory at Greenwich is feared because it might persuade too many people that an Alliance vote in a general election would be a positive rather than a vote-wasting option. If this were to happen, the Conservatives would be the principal losers because the Alliance has run second to them in so many seats. The spread of tactical voting could either hand Labour a victory or lead to a hung parliament.

Taking the short view, the Conservatives have a certain logic in looking forward to Labour retaining Greenwich, where its previous majority was only 1,211. Although the Alliance, according to the polls, has been running Labour close, the chances of the hard-left candidate Miss Deirdre Wood are now said to have benefited from the unsavoury row about the circumstances in which her father died as an alcoholic.

Both her rivals have rightly censured the intrusion of this personal matter into the campaign, and the episode may indeed have brought her some sympathy votes. If it has, that will suit the Tories.

Yet the victory of a hard-left candidate of a type persistently embarrassing to Mr Kinnock (Miss Wood was, for instance, involved in inviting Sinn Fein candidates to speak in London) is not something the Tories should greet with equanimity. Of course, they might be able to argue that but for the Alliance intervention they themselves would have taken the seat. But the credibility of that claim (or lack of it) would depend on how close behind Miss Wood the Alliance was running, and on how far the Tories were in third place.

There is also a lack of logic in a Conservative position which asserts that nationally the Tories can beat the Labour Party because of its leftist politics, but nevertheless welcomes a hard left victory in a formerly Labour moderate seat. If the Labour vote in Greenwich holds up despite the politics of the candidate, may it not do the same in a general election despite the large number of extremist Labour candidates, many of whom will be on Mr Kinnock's back-benches?

In the still longer term it must be in the Conservatives' interest for Labour to be replaced as the alternative to themselves by something like Dr Owen's SDP. The remarkable achievements of the Thatcher government will not survive in the long run if it were succeeded, even in the general election after next, by the present Labour Party or any version of it that seems likely to evolve.

What is necessary is an alternative which can work within a moderate consensus, and in which the kind of politics which Miss Wood represents has no place. Her personal life has nothing to do with the Greenwich voters; her personal politics should have a lot.

If she is elected, it could be a danger sign that the electorate is more willing to vote Labour, despite its hard left element, than the Tories care to think. That at least puts a question mark over their confidence that Labour extremism is the guarantor of their own success. It would not be a a bad sign if Greenwich taught the lesson that the politics of the candidate matter.

A SYRIAN PEACE

The arrival of 7,000 Syrian troops in West Beirut is open to numerous objections. Politically, it constitutes outside interference in the affairs of a sovereign state. In strictly legal terms, it is unconstitutional because the "invitation" came not from President Gemeyel, who opposed Syrian involvement, but from Lebanon's Muslim Prime Minister. Its advisability must be questionable in practical terms, too. Repeated attempts have been made to bring peace to Beirut over the past ten years, and all have failed.

Yet for the time being, none of these objections overrides two simple facts: that the authority of the Lebanese government no longer extends to West Beirut, and that Syria is the only force that has the remotest possibility of restoring a measure of order. This, at least, must be the hope that has inspired the generally calm international response to Syria's action.

So long as the Syrian troops direct their attention no further than West Beirut, this justication will be sufficient for the other interested parties too. Israel, for its part, has expressed concern, but nothing more. Like Syria, it has an interest in seeing the renaissance of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Beirut frustrated. So long as Syria does not intrude into the buffer zone in southern Lebanon, Tel Aviv is unlikely to be perturbed. And unless Israel's interests appear to be threatened, the United States is unlikely to become involved either.

At best, the Syrian presence might provide a breathing space, allowing a formula to be worked out for a longer-lasting peace in Beirut. If it were to keep the rival militias off the streets, scale down the war of the Palestinian refugee camps, create circumstances where the release of Western hostages became possible and call a halt to the kidnappings, it would have achieved a great deal.

Unfortunately, it is hard to be optimistic. Since the last major Syrian intervention ten years ago, the political and military situation in West Beirut has become even more complex. Syria has even less chance of being considered a neutral referee than it had then. For the past three months, Syria's main beneficiaries in Lebanon, Amal, have been laying siege to the Palestinian refugee camps.

The first test for Syria will be whether to take sides in the battle for the camps in the hope of reducing PLO influence, or to remain neutral and discourage the violence, risking the possibility that the Palestinians will use the pause to consolidate their position and re-arm. If the result of Syrian intervention were to be a further Palestinian revival, not only would Syria lose face, but it would risk incurring the displeasure of Israel and its allies as well.

Syria will also have to decide whether, or at what stage, to tackle the Shi'ite-dominated areas and the fundamentalist fiefdoms of Hezbollah where many of the hostages are believed to be held. An attack on either of these would place Syria's friendly relations with Iran at risk. Failure to deal with the problem at all, however, would leave Syria and President Assad personally, looking weak and partial.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Research, endeavour and the rewards of change

From Mr Robert Sheaf

Sir, You were certainly right to devote a major editorial (February 19) to the question of Britain's technological future. As far as it went, your analysis was excellent. But, perhaps unconsciously following the current British reluctance to be identified with Europe so brilliantly discussed in the same issue by Michael Ignatieff, you failed to make any mention of an absolutely key element in any credible programme for technological recovery – the urgent need for more collaboration with our European partners.

Along with them, our strategy must be centred on the creation of a genuine common market for advanced technology and on the promotion of ESPRIT (European Strategic Programme for Research and Development in Information Technology), BRITE (Basic Research in Industrial Technology in Europe) and other EC programmes. Fragmented, we can never match the challenge from America and Japan in the global market or even in our own.

The most important and immediate steps are to stop blocking the modest £5billion four-year research budget the EC Commission is asking for and to throw our weight behind its plan for a European Technology Community to match the existing Economic Community.

Yours faithfully,
R. SHEAF (Principal Consultant, Institute of European Trade & Technology),
32-36 Fleet Lane, EC4.
February 20.

From Mr Anthony Hyman

Sir, Your editorial insistence that a new national attitude to science and technology is needed prompts the thought that those in command tend to come not from science and technology, but rather from the history and economics faculties of the universities. There they learn scarcely anything of the history of the sciences you deem so important. Yet the subjects of youthful study must surely exercise some directive influence on the interests and understanding of later years.

For example, a really first-class course on British science, technology, and industry from the industrial revolution to the present day might help towards understanding the reasons for the sorry state of British industry revealed by Correlli Barnett in *The Audit of War* (John Clare's article, February 18).

Perhaps such studies might help in finding solutions to the deep-seated problems of British industry which are now the subject of widespread concern.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY HYMAN,
38a Downshire Hill,
Hampstead, NW3.
February 19.

From Mr H. J. Klare

Sir, Your leader on "Research and prosperity" was the most important I have seen published anywhere for a long time. What it could not touch on is the impact of such rapid technological development on the social and psychological health of the human species.

Human beings are pretty adaptable. But never before have we had to face such fast and vast change. It must be hoped that some attempts will be made to study this – though our tools for doing so are woefully inadequate.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH J. KLARE,
28 Pittville Court,
Albert Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Mr Tom Dalby

Sir, Your series of four articles (February 16-19) on research and prosperity present a dismal image of Britain's present and future prospects in the highly competitive world of new technologies and their applications. But I doubt whether your authoritative statement (February 19) of the true position of our attitudes to the post-industrial society will have the slightest effect.

Similar authoritative statements have been made at regular intervals over the past 100 years on a wide variety of aspects of the same situation, but none have broken through the British dislike of change. Here are two examples selected from many:

In 1865 a schools inquiry commission referred to a "deficiency in technical education" and stated

> unless we remedy this want we shall gradually but surely find that our undeniable superiority in wealth and perhaps in energy will not save us from decline.

And, in 1971, the National Economic Development Office's Discussion Paper No 1 (on mechanical engineering) states:

> This background picture is not a happy prospect. If it is not altered the UK will continue to decline, and eventually will occupy a position in the European community among the currently small and industrially backward countries.

Some years ago I read an American definition of the British way of life:

> Britain is a country which walks boldly into the future with its eyes resting fondly upon the past.

Yours faithfully,
T. DALBY,
4 Westbourne Park,
Scarborough, North Yorkshire.
February 19.

From Professor G. P. G. Butler

Sir, There's no pleasing everybody, and your forthright leader on "Research and prosperity" will, of course, please many of those it's *about* and maybe even some of those to whom it's primarily *addressed*. Good for you.

Other interested parties, however, and in particular perhaps the downwardly mobile who are neither scientists nor politicians may be disturbed by a whole range of attitudes which you appear to have adopted. May I identify just two?

1. You pick too easy a target from the humanities when you say, quite correctly: "If we are not careful, we will soon live in a nation that knows neither ancient literature nor modern technology." How about ". . . neither modern languages nor modern technology"? Would that have spoiled your argument? Arts disciplines as a whole are currently under threat, even those which our paymasters perceive to be "useful".
2. "Freedom of thought in Britain today", you say, "does not depend on security of tenure for academics." Surely there's at least one word missing here? Such freedom doesn't depend *entirely* on such security (did it ever?), but the degree of dependence has yet to be tested in our post-Robbins world. Assurances from those who are anxious to abolish tenure aren't much to go on. They may reflect the abolitionists' good will: but they prove nothing, however loudly they are echoed in the Press.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY BUTLER,
Newbury,
Beechen Cliff, Bath, Avon.

Scientists who will not stay

From Dr J. Miles Brown

Sir, Your timely editorial (February 19) on the future of science in Britain unfortunately ignored one of the most important issues, namely, how to attract and retain the best talent in civil research and development in the context of a market economy.

Like it or not, there is a worldwide market for research talent. If this country wants to remain in R & D, it must compete in that market. There cannot be one set of rules for scientists, as though placed in a kind of economic quarantine, and another set for everyone else. So the answer to your question as to where and how much money is to be spent is simple. It should be spent at the going market rate on people in areas that are most in demand world wide.

The going rate in the United States for salaries alone is at least twice that paid here. The people concerned are the young postgraduate and post-doctoral researchers who, to be blunt, do most of the work in university research. The areas are information and materials technology, and chemistry/biochemistry/molecular biology.

These areas are widely recognised as comprising the industries of the future, which is why, *pace* George Walden (Spectrum, February 19), the brain drain is worse than it looks. The majority of British scientists leaving these shores are skilled and full of ideas in these very subjects. The Americans, in particular, buy the best talent available.

Moreover, because the return, for the inventor, on the commercial development of research ideas is so bad in this country, those leaving tend to comprise the more entrepreneurially minded. Most of the ones with the "get up and go" do just that.

If we wish to encourage the commercial development of research ideas here, competitive royalty payments or equity stakes in spin-off companies must be payable to the inventors themselves. A much greater recognition of science research experience in general is required by the business community, too many of whom are completely ignorant of the range of skills involved.

In the meantime, over 1,000 young scientists a year will continue to leave research and development in this country because there is no incentive whatsoever for them to remain.

Yours faithfully,
J. MILES BROWN,
50 Offord Road,
Islington, N1.
February 19.

From Mr D. H. Rutley

Sir, I read "Research and prosperity" concerning the dire shortage of maths and physics teachers with interest but no surprise.

My son is studying assiduously for A levels in physics, maths and chemistry. He has not yet decided against becoming a physics teacher if he graduates. His school friend of the same age works in the City for about £16,000 p.a., plus perks. My son, if he becomes a physics teacher, will probably never earn £16,000 p.a. and will have no perks.

What advice should I give my son, and my MP?

Yours faithfully,
D. H. RUTLEY,
151 Hill Lane,
Southampton, Hampshire.

Rallying call

From Mr J. K. Ebbutt

Sir, It was with some surprise that I learned that some of your correspondents (February 6, 16) were unaware that Purcell's Trumpet Voluntary was actually by Jeremiah Clarke. I had assumed this to be a well-established and well-known fact.

It used to be played with gusto, but this seems to be no longer the case. Yesterday, when I was searching at a large record shop for a trumpet recording of it – for it is usually now arranged for organ – the only one I could find was played with what I can only describe as reticence. It is as if Oliver, Ladnier, Armstrong and a dozen others from New Orleans had never taught the world how the trumpet could be played.

If the Alliance could approach one of our leading jazz trumpeters – Humphrey Lyttelton, for example, or Alan Elsdon, or my old friend Alan Gresty – and get him to record this splendid piece as written, but with the panache it deserves, then this in itself would really inspire their campaign.

Yours etc,
JOHN KENNEDY EBBUTT,
61 Fairfax Road, N8.
February 18.

Clerical titles

From Miss Jennifer Robinson and Mrs Elizabeth Brice

Sir, Canon Vincent Strudwick's story about "Dear Mr Oxon" (February 18) hardly matches two experiences of our employer, the Bishop of Portsmouth (who, incidentally, signs as "Timothy Portsmouth"). He received – on two separate occasions – one communication the envelope of which was addressed to "B.O. Portsmouth", and another letter which began "Dear Grace".

Yours truly,
J. ROBINSON,
E. BRICE,
The Bishop of Portsmouth's Staff,
Bishopswood,
Fareham, Hampshire.
February 19.

Preserving the past

From the Chairman of Rescue

Sir, The Government's recently released draft circular on alternative land use seems to have paid no attention to the fact that it constitutes a major threat to the nation's archaeological heritage: many of the suggestions laid out within the document, including especially forestry, could result in major and irreversible damage.

Archaeologists now recognise the richness of the rural landscape and, with the co-operation of many landowners, have done much to preserve this heritage with the use of sympathetic agricultural techniques.

Present Government funding for archaeology is so low that insufficient funds are available to carry out archaeological rescue in the face of existing threats and there is no doubt that if the provisions of the draft circular are put into effect there will be considerably more problems, apparently with no provision for increased funding.

Yours sincerely,
HARVEY SHELDON,
Chairman,
Rescue,
The British Archaeological Trust,
15A Bull Plain,
Hertford.
February 22.

Younger every day?

From Mr A. T. Robertson

Sir, Your reporter gave an interesting account (February 17) of how Britons were looking into certain Egyptian mysteries, arising from archaeological finds.

One mystery on which he did not touch was how Rameses II was able to rule from 1210 to 1224 BC.

Yours faithfully,
A. T. ROBERTSON,
6 Cambria,
2 Court Downs Road,
Beckenham,
Kent.
February 18.

'Tunnel vision'

From the Editor of Railway Gazette International

Sir, Your otherwise apposite first leader of February 11 is wide of the mark in suggesting that "technical problems have proved the undoing of a century of previous attempts to tunnel under the English Channel".

The twin rail tunnels engineered by William Low, on which work started in 1881, were to be driven along a very similar alignment and through the same band of chalk marl as today's scheme. The world's successful tunnelling machine was developed for this task by Colonel Beaumont, and civil engineers accept that Low's plan was quite feasible.

The British Government stopped the worked in April, 1882, solely because of invasion fears. The generals blocked every attempt to revive the tunnel until the ban was finally lifted by Harold Macmillan, then Minister of Defence, in February, 1955.

Essentially the same plan for twin rail tunnels – but now including shuttle trains to carry road vehicles – was revived in 1960, and in 1973 work restarted from the same site as in 1881 at the foot of Shakespeare cliff. It was cancelled unilaterally by the Wilson Government in January, 1975, this time because of a public expenditure crisis.

The fact that today's tunnel is the lineal descendant of Low's, which innumerable studies spanning a century have shown to be both technically and economically superior to all the rival schemes for a Channel link, should convince the most sceptical investor that it is a sound project. Assessing the risk that a British Government might pull the plug a third time is another matter.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD HOPE, Editor,
Railway Gazette International,
Quadrant House, Sutton, Surrey.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 24 1849

The Times *was fighting a rearguard action in its advocacy of convict transportation. Humanitarian reformers in England, combined with the unwillingness of the colonies to take further convicts, had led a Commons committee in 1838 to recommend its discontinuation. It was not, however, until 1857 that the system was finally abolished*

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[PENAL COLONIES]

It should never be forgotten that there are three parties to the question of convict transportation – the mother country, the colonies, and the convicts . . .

We assume that there must be injury somewhere. The convicted felon is in the first place to be punished; and punishment is, in popular language at least, not exactly a blessing. There are some very excellent persons, we know, who conceive that the visitation of the law should be reformatory rather than penal; and that young ladies and gentlemen who have employed their precocious talents in "prigging" pocket-handkerchiefs, snapping at purses, and "hocussing," or who have ascended to the culminating point of forgery, should be provided with a genteel retirement, good books, and pious chaplains at the public expense, and after a probation of a few years emanate into social life again with purified morals and improved health. There are three objections to this treatment, and, we think, formidable objections. The first is, that it is very expensive; the second, that it is in the greatest number of instances wholly inefficacious; the third, that, whether efficacious or not, it is wholly unjust . . .

As far, then, as the convict is concerned we are not disposed to abate the severity of penal transportation on his account. He has sinned aginst society and the State; society and the State must, therefore, punish him; unless, indeed, it be desirable on public grounds to gild the paths of wickedness by the specious attractions of an expensive reformation. The first provision, then, should be that the punishment be effective; the second, that it be not corrupting. Now, most of the delinquencies against the law are committed through a dislike of work. It is to sundry tastes more easy and more pleasant to pick pockets, to hustle on a race-course, or cheat at a tavern, than it is to dig, delve, mow, reap, or black shoes . . .

. . . The convicts in colonies may be, and often are, employed on public works; but they are more often employed as private servants. They are brought into immediate contiguity with the heads of families, with their wives, their sons and their daughters. If they constitute a numerical majority in any colony, they unite to the hardihood of guilt the greater hardihood and audacity of conscious multitude. They know that they are in effect the stronger party. Laws, magistrates, and soldiers may put down insurrections and check conspiracies, but they cannot impede the unseen influence of manners and the stealthy progress of caste. The convict looks forward to becoming an emancipist; and the emancipist diffuses the morals of the convict. In one generation a colony founded on the basis of convict labour, and peopled by a majority of present or former convicts, contracts a taint which it will take two generations of free labour and copious immigration to purify and chasten.

But still it must be acknowledged that there are advantages of no slight kind which a supply of convict labour well-directed and controlled produces in a colony. The great dearth under which every young colony languishes is that of labour. It may possess good harbours, a rich soil, a genial climate; but without the hand of the artisan and the sweat of the ploughman, there are but illusory benefits . . . The readiest and most profitable labour is that of convicts or – of slaves . . .

Therefore, if we are to transport felons, let us not transport them to a colony where there is a demand for and a supply of free labour. Let us not affront the honest and virtuous peasant by jostling him in the labour market against a degraded and branded rival. Let him not be put into daily competition with the creature of the stocks, the gaols, and the hulks. Let such an one be sent to public works, or if to private service, then to service in such a colony as has hitherto been unable to attract any considerable number of honest and industrious freemen, and let his eventual emancipation strictly depend upon his conduct during his servitude. But let us on no account people any colony with a convict population, nor make that which should be more or less a punishment, wholly a lure and a bribe. Let us not degrade colonization into transportation, nor dignify the felon's penalty with the glories and the rewards of the emigrant's enterprise.

Pondcombing

From Mr Ian Lowe

Sir, Your fourth leader (February 14) about the great crested newts at Quedgeley prompts me to send you the following notice from the *Oxford University Gazette* of January 29 in which the reader in animal behaviour announced a seminar for March 12:

> Dr Tim Halliday, Open University, "Physiological and ecological constraints on sexual performance in newts."

It is not so much Milton who should be living at this hour as Augustus Fink-Nottle, that no less immortal newt-fancier in *Right Ho, Jeeves*.

Yours faithfully,
IAN LOWE,
Far End,
Kingham, Oxford.
February 15.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 23: The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Newcastle Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight this evening and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

His Royal Highness subsequently attended a Reception for Prince Philip's Appeal for Commonwealth Veterans at 251 Field Ambulance TA Centre, Dykelands Road.

Afterwards, The Duke of Edinburgh attended the Newcastle Sports Council Dinner at Newcastle Civic Centre.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 23: The Princess of Wales this evening attended a performance of *High Society* in aid of Help the Hospices at the Victoria Palace, London, SW1.

Mrs Max Pike and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 23: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Air Force Board Dinner at RAF Bentley Priory, Stanmore, Middlesex.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
February 23: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at the Centenary Banquet of the National Association of Master Bakers, Confectioners & Caterers at Guildhall.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit NEI House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, at 9.35; NEI Parsons, Heaton, at 10.30; Domnick Hunter Filters, at 12.15; HMS Warrior (1860) in Hartlepool at 2.30; and will attend the annual Nepali supper at New Zealand House at 7.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a recital at St James's Palace given in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child at 8.10.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of the London City Ballet, will attend a luncheon at Grocers' Hall, Princes Street, at 12.40.

Princess Anne will visit Stockport Grammar School, Stockport, Greater Manchester, at 10.30; then as President of Save the Children Fund, will visit the ASHA Neighbourhood Project at 43 Stratford Street, Beeston, Leeds, 12.20; and Tunstall Road Community Centre at 1.05; later she will attend a preview of a Sale of Work at Hugh Ripley Hall, Ripon, North Yorkshire, at 3.

Princess Michael of Kent, as patron, will attend the annual exhibition of the Society of Women Artists at the Mall Galleries at 3.

Memorial service

Mr M. Handford
A memorial service for Mr Maurice Handford was held yesterday at St Ann's, Manchester. Canon Peter Bowles officiated. Mr William Golightly, Chairman of Hallé Choir, read the lesson and Mr Martin Milner, Leader of Hallé Orchestra, gave an address. The Hallé Orchestra, conducted by Mr Adrian Leaper, played *Two Aquarelles* by Delius and the Hallé Choir, conducted by Mr Ronald Frost, sang *O Ye Priests* from *The Kingdom* by Elgar.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Le Brun, painter, Paris, 1619; Wilhelm Grimm, folklore collector, Hanau, Germany, 1786; Winslow Homer, painter, Boston, Massachusetts, 1836; George Moore, novelist, Ballyglass, County Mayo, 1852.

DEATHS: Henry Cavendish, physicist, London, 1810; Robert Fulton, pioneer of steamboats, New York, 1815; Thomas Bowdler, editor of *The Family Shakespeare*, Swansea, 1825.

Dr Kwame Nkrumah, President of Ghana, was ousted in an army coup, 1966.

Luncheons

English-Speaking Union
Mr Ernest Symons, Governor of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, was in the chair at a literary luncheon held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Sir Roy Strong was the guest of honour and Mrs Edward Norman-Butler also spoke.

Management Consultancies Association
Mr Richard Owen, chairman, and council members of the Management Consultancies Association were hosts at luncheon given for Sir Clive Whitmore at the Stafford Hotel yesterday.

British Association of Industrial Editors
The Communicator of the Year luncheon organized by the British Association of Industrial Editors was held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Richard Branson was presented with the 1987 Communicator award by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu. Among those present were:
Sir John Egan, Miss Kate Adie, Dr David Bellamy, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Bob Worcester, Mr Ian Birks, chairman, and Mr Cecil Pedersen, chief executive

Dinners

Air Force Board
The Duke of Kent attended a dinner given by the Air Force Board at RAF Bentley Priory yesterday. The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, presided. Among the guests were:
Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, Group Captain Sir Gordon Pirie, Lieutenant-Commander Sir Richard Buckley, Sir Allan Davis, Sir Reginald Hibbert, Sir Alex Jarratt, Sir Arthur Norman, Sir Austin Pearce, Sir Francis Tombs, Sir Patrick Wright, Mr P L Bonfield, Mr F W Crawley, Mr D Kingsbury and Mr J F H Trott.

European-Atlantic Group
Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at St Ermin's Hotel by the European-Atlantic Group. Lord Layton, president, was in the chair, and Lord Chalfont, joint chairman, also spoke. Among those present were:
Ambassadors, high commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps, Lord Caradon, Lady Chalfont, Lord Sherfield, Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP, and Mrs Rippon, Sir David and Lady Lidderdale, Sir Peter Marshall, Sir John and Lady Peel, Major Sir Patrick Wall, MP, Baron and Baroness Robert Rothschild and Count and Countess D Griaznoff.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Judge Jowitt, QC, to be Honorary Recorder of Birmingham on March 1, in succession to Judge Ross, QC. Judge Jowitt has also been made a senior circuit judge.

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To stand a chance, you must be at least 18½ and 172 cms tall for a man, or 162 cms for a woman. Ideally, you should have around five 'O' levels, but qualifications aren't everything. We're also looking for all the personal qualities that make a good police officer. If you get in, how far you go is entirely up to you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE APPOINTMENTS OFFICER, CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE, DEPT. MD628, NEW SCOTLAND YARD, LONDON SW1H 0BG. OR PHONE 01 725 4492 (ANSAFHONE 725 4575)

Forthcoming marriages

Captain A.F. Morrison and the Hon L.M.C. Napier
The engagement is announced between Alexander Morrison, Scots Guards, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Morrison, and Louisa, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Napier and Ettrick.

Mr A. Brooker-Carey and Miss L.A. Dilworth
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs B. Brooker-Carey, of Upper Wallingham, Surrey, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.O. Dilworth, of Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

Mr A.C. Dukes and Miss A.E. Jones
The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Dukes, of Redhill, Surrey, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Jones, of Laleham, Middlesex.

Mr N.J.W.V. Graham and Miss G.A. Stobart
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mrs W.V. Graham, of Hook House Farm, Dunsfold, Surrey, and the late Dr W.V. Graham, and Gina, eldest daughter of Mrs D.I. Stobart, of El Birlon, Puerto Andraitx, Palma de Mallorca, and the late T.R. Stobart, OBE.

Mr M.A. Lecchini and Miss S.C. Davey
The engagement is announced between Mark Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs S.M.A. Lecchini, of the Old Rectory, Aldington, Kent, and Sarah Carolyne, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs K.J. Davey, of Glebe House, Llanddewi Skirrid, Abergavenny.

Mr M. Kempton and Miss M.A. Owen
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr John Kempton, of Newton Abbot and of the late Mrs Kempton-Habermacher, and Mary Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Owen, of Felpham, West Sussex.

Mr M.A. Loftus and Miss S.L. Bird
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Desmond Loftus, of Langton Green, Kent, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Bird, of Fetcham Park, Surrey.

Captain A.C.A. McGregor and Miss L.C. Heard
The engagement is announced between Christopher McGregor, The Royal Hussars (PWO), only son of Wing Commander and Mrs A.J. McGregor, of The Priest's House, Martin, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Louisa Christiana, only daughter of Mr T.W. Heard, of Grove House, Corston, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, and of Mrs S.J.L. Spicer, of Spye Park, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Mr D.H. Maunder and Miss M. West
The engagement is announced between David, son of Professor and Mrs L. Maunder, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Madeleine, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. West, of Dolphinholme, Lancashire.

Lieutenant R.L. Powell and Miss C. Lofts
The engagement is announced between Richard Powell, Royal Navy, eldest son of Mrs E.G. Powell and the late Mr D.W. Powell, of Chelmsford, Essex, and Carolyn, daughter of Professor B. Lofts, OBE, JP, and Mrs Lofts, of Hong Kong.

Dr C.J. Ranaboldo and Miss J. Weston
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Ranaboldo, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, and Jane, only daughter of Mr Douglas Weston, of the New Inn, Priddy, Somerset, and the late Mrs Weston.

Mr P.W. Sherred and Miss M.E. Todd
The engagement is announced between Peter William, only son of Mrs E.A. Sherred, of Dover, and the late Captain W.P.C. Sherred, MN, and Mary Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Todd, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr M.D. Souster and Miss J.U.R. Wildblood
The engagement is announced between Mark Douglas, only son of Major B.E. Souster and Mrs M.F. Souster, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Rose, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.S. Wildblood, of Chilvester Lodge, Calne, Wiltshire.

Mr K.P. Stone and Miss F.McK. Millar
The engagement is announced between Kevin Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Stone, of Banchory, Kincardineshire, and Fiona McKenzie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.B. Millar, of Liss, Hampshire.

Mr G.C.G. Thomson and Miss C.J. Johnson
The engagement is announced between Graham Charles Gardner, son of Mr and Mrs J.F.G. Thomson, of Shadwell, Leeds, and Candida Jane, daughter of Mr P. Johnson and the late Mrs P.A.M. Johnson, of Nottingham.

Mr J.Z. Tyszkiewicz and Miss B.A. Wilson
The engagement is announced between John Zygmunt Tyszkiewicz, 9/12th Royal Lancers (POW's), elder son of Count and Countess Zygmunt Tyszkiewicz, L'Orangerie, Kampenhout, Belgium, and Bibi, daughter of the late Guy Wilson and Mrs Wilson, Whetherall, Carlisle, Cumberland.

Mr N.F. von der Heyde and Miss S.A. Versfeld
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs R. von der Heyde, of Zimbabwe, and Sarena, only daughter of Mr V. Versfeld and Mrs J. Versfeld, of Zimbabwe.

Mr G.J. Walker and Dr C.M. Bennett
The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs John A. Walker, of Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, and Carolyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Bennett, of Marple, Cheshire.

Mr C.A.M. Wilson and Miss M.E. Clay
The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr and Mrs J.T. Wilson, of North Berwick, East Lothian, and Mandy, daughter of Mr D. Clay, of Castellon de la Plana, Spain, and Mrs P.J.A. Bemrose, of Gayton, Cheshire.

Mr N.J. Wooller and Miss S.E. Oldham
The engagement is announced between Nicholas James, son of Mr and Mrs Wilfred Wooller, of Cyncoed, Cardiff, and Sarah Elizabeth, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs P.D. Oldham, of Penmark, South Glamorgan.

Mr C.J. Young and Miss M.L. Antonopoulos
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Young, of Plaxtol, Kent, and Polly, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Antonopoulos, of Roehampton, London.

Marriages

Mr P.S. Linfield and Miss M.J. Wilson
The marriage took place on Tuesday, February 17, in London between Mr Paul Stephen Linfield and Miss Melanie Jane Wilson.

Mr I.M. Winstanley and Miss L.J. Tokar
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 21, at Highland United Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, Florida, between Mr Ian Malcolm Winstanley, only son of Mrs Doris Winstanley and the late Mr John Winstanley, of Kidmore End, Oxfordshire, and Miss Lori Jean Tokar, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Tokar, of Clearwater, Florida. The Rev J. Franklin McHendry officiated.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Debbie Tokar, Mrs Rebecca Harp, Mrs Jean Mabie, Miss Terry Roth and Miss Kirsten Ross. Mr Simon Davidson was best man and Mr Tim Tokar, Mr Tony Schmidt, Mr Maurice Moore and Mr Malcolm Hay also attended.

A reception was held at Le Pompano, Indian Shores, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Science report

Protein glues could replace epoxide resins

By a Special Correspondent

A group of American scientists has turned a cheap and plentiful protein compound into glue strong enough to bond metal in aircraft. It and other protein glues may provide alternatives for epoxide resins — expensive glues which are now irreplaceable in many manufacturing techniques.

Epoxide resins are petroleum based, which means that industry will need a substitute when petroleum becomes scarce. Looking for such a replacement from a more secure, renewable source, researchers from the Albert Einstein Medical Centre in Philadelphia have hit upon the idea of using the most complex chemicals made by living organisms — proteins.

Although proteins have been used as glues before, no one has ever made a very strong protein-based adhesive which would bond even metal. The Philadelphia team under Dr Semih Erhan took an ordinary protein — commercially available gelatine — and added just 5 per cent epoxy resin to it. With this they stuck two aluminium plates together very firmly indeed.

Protein glue has been used in the past by craftsmen such as carpenters, but it could never be relied on to provide lasting tensile strength in metal joints because it did not form strong intermolecular links when setting. Nor was it entirely waterproof. Gelatine itself, obtainable from animals' hides and bones, has so far mainly been used in food and cosmetics.

The reserchers under Semih Erhan chemically modified some of the sub-units, amino-acids in gelatine, enabling them to form more cross-links among themselves as well as with a small amount of epoxy resin added. By tampering with gelatine in this way they managed to give it a bonding strength of 4,000 lb per square inch.

The strongest epoxy resins are still three-times as strong as that. But the Philadelphia team believe their performance can be matched by increasing the amount of resin in the gelatine and by further modifying the gelatine itself, so that its molecules are interlinked still more densely. Similar results can be achieved with any other protein that is modifiable amino-acids.

Today's epoxy resins are the result of 40 years' development, while protein glue is in its infancy. Further tests are needed to confirm the long-term resistance of the new adhesives to heat, cold and moisture and to improve their bonding power. But the future for protein glues looks bright.

Source: *Nature*, January 22, 1987.

Bridge teams

The two sections of the double elimination event organized by the English Bridge Union and sponsored by the Woolwich Building Society have reached their semi-final stages after three days of intensive play.

TEAMS
Eastbourne: D Parry, S Preston, A Woo, R O'Reilly v P Czerniewski, B Rigal, R J Fleet, J Pottage, R Coates, Mrs J Preddy, A Robson, G Liggins v R J Rowlands, D Carlisle, R Sampson, N Selway.

Leeds: Dr A P Sowter, S J Lodge, H Beine, R Smolski v G T Kirby, J M Armstrong, A R Forrester, R S Brock, Mrs S Landy, Mrs S Horton.

The undefeated team of M H Horton, R J Winter, R Pike, I Reissmann received a bye into the final.

Subsidiary event for Hamilton Cup:
1, E W Crowhurst, K E Stanley, R Hyde, D F Huggett, M R Pomfrey, J Auld: 144. After a split tie with A C Cherrett, S Irwin, P Harris, M Allen, 144. 3, P Nesbitt, M Caswell, W Colman, A Coral, D Sanders 142.
Secondary event for Punch Bowl: 1, Mr and Mrs W J Pencharz, M Dilks, J Dhondy, J Cope, P J Williams. 2, G Soper, J R Williams, T Goldsmith, M Kingsland, C Wilson, Mrs D Avis.

Birthdays today

Mrs N.H. Alexander, 72; Professor E. Boyland, 82; Dr Lionel Dakers, 63; Mr Reginald Freeson, MP, 61; Mr Richard Hamilton, 65; Mr Paul Jones, 45; Mr David Langdon, 73; Mr Charles McCall, 80; Lord Melchett, 39; Admiral Sir William Pillar, 63; Mr Frank Rogers, 67; Sir Edgar Vaughan, 80; Mr Dennis Waterman, 39.

Latest wills

Lord John **Cholmondeley**, of Hyde Park, London, brother of the Marquess of Cholmondeley, left estate valued at £1,688,236 net.

Lady **Darwin**, of London SW, widow of Sir Charles Darwin, theoretical physicist, left estate valued at £213,086 net.

Mrs Mary **Dyson**, of Dunnington, North Yorkshire, left estate valued £644,264 net. She left £76,000, her effects and a life interest in a property to personal legatees and the residue equally between the National Society for Cancer Relief and the National Heart Research Fund.

Figures fail to find buyer

By Huon Mallalieu

The morning session of a sale of British ceramics at Christie's yesterday made a total of £149,116 with 14 per cent bought in. Perhaps half of this failure rate was accounted for by two lots of Chelsea figures.

The bidding for an itinerant carpenter of about 1755 stopped at £3,200, and for a pair of a huntsman and his lady companion of about the same date at £7,000. The upper estimates had been £4,000 and £5,000 respectively, which suggests that unrealistic reserves had been set by the anonymous but noble vendor.

The most expensive item to be sold was a Worcester blue-scale tapering hexagonal vase with a domed cover, made in about 1770 and measuring almost 13 inches in height. It was painted with exotic birds and shrubs and it sold to an anonymous bidder for £5,500 (estimate £3,500-£4,500).

Another good price for a piece of Worcester was £3,740, paid by a private bidder, for a Baluster mug transfer-printed in black by Robert Hancock with a parrot pecking at hanging fruit (estimate £800 to £1200).

A pair of deceptively harmless looking Staffordshire creamware figures of seated leopards dating from around 1820 went to the London dealer, Houghton, at £5,280 (£2,000 to £3,000).

A sale of Victoriana and miscellaneous collectors' items in Bath Phillips took £1,440 for an electric O-gauge train set by Hornby (estimate £600 to £800). It consisted of a 4-4-0 engine, tender, Pullman coach and other rolling stock.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR N. E. ODELL

The battle with Everest

Professor N. E. Odell, one of the outstanding mountaineers of his generation, died on February 21. He was 96.

Noel Ewart Odell was born on Christmas Day, 1890, the son of a clergyman, and educated at Brighton College and the Imperial College of Science and Technology. He then went to Clare College, Cambridge.

A professional geologist, he acquired his field experience in Persia in the 1920s and later held a number of academic posts, mostly in overseas universities within reach of mountain country.

He managed with singular success to combine the tasks of a geologist with the pleasures of mountaineering, and will be chiefly remembered for his part on the 1924 Everest expedition.

He was the mainstay of the support for the assault parties, and established new records, climbing once to 25,000 feet and twice to 27,000 feet on lone ascents in search of Mallory and Irvine, who had been lost on their way to the summit. He returned a hero, and was received in private audience by George V.

He was university lecturer in geology and tutor at Harvard University from 1928 to 1930.

His performance on Nanda Devi in 1936, when he and H. W. Tilman reached the hitherto unclimbed summit (25,645 feet), so impressed Tilman that he picked him as one of his small Everest team in 1938.

Odell in 1924

Eric Shipton, also on the 1938 expedition, and Tilman had long maintained the superiority of small, lightly-equipped parties for Himalayan exploration, but in 1938 an early monsoon prevented a serious attempt on the summit, and so the chance of proving their point was lost.

(The debate was to continue until Hunt's highly organized and successful expedition of 1953 rendered the argument academic.)

Odell was disappointed by the lack of scope for geological research afforded by Tilman's "shoe-string" expedition; and the theft of the box containing his geological specimens, followed by the loss at sea in 1941 of his Himalayan notebooks, prevented his ever completing his studies of Himalayan geology as he would have wished.

Odell, who had been wounded three times while serving in the Royal Engineers in the First World War, saw service in the Second in the Bengal Sappers and Miners.

In 1944 he received the Livingstone Gold Medal of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society for "services to exploration in Spitsbergen, Canada, North Labrador, Greenland, Nanda Devi and Mount Everest."

His last academic post was a professorship at Peshawar University, Pakistan, from 1960 to 1962, after which he retired to settle in Cambridge.

He was a familiar figure at both the Alpine Club and the Royal Geographical Society. He was made an Hon Fellow of Clare College in 1983, an event which much pleased him.

Three years ago, at the age of 93, he was at the Britannia Hut in the Alps, making the ascent by cable car, but the last part of the trip involved a half-mile glacier crossing. He retained into old age his earnest enthusiasm, and the tall, spare figure and purposeful gait which had carried him to record heights on the earth's surface.

He married, in 1917, Gwladys Jones, who shared his passion for the mountains. She died in 1977. There was one son of the marriage.

MAJOR-GENERAL PYOTR GRIGORENKO

Major-General Pyotr Grigorenko, one of the foremost defenders of human rights in the Soviet Union, died on February 21. He was 79.

Pyotr Grigorevich Grigorenko was born on October 16, 1907, in the Ukrainian village of Borisovka, the son of a peasant. He studied at the Workers' Faculty (*Rabfak*) and at Kharkov Polytechnic before joining the Red Army in 1931.

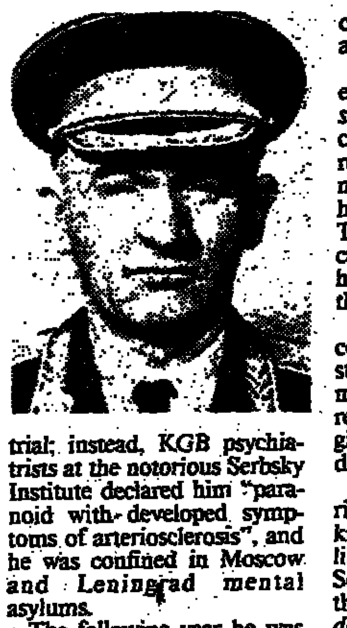
In 1939, after graduating with honours from the Moscow Academy of the General Staff, he fought against the Japanese in Outer Mongolia.

Although he was reprimanded in 1941 for criticizing Stalin's purge of the High Command, his distinguished war service against Nazi Germany won him many honours, including the Order of Lenin. He was promoted to command a division but was twice wounded and suffered shell-shock.

After the war he lectured at the Frunze Military Academy. He published 78 works on military history and cybernetics, but after warning delegates at a party conference in 1961 of the dangerous revival of the personality cult under Krushchev, he was dismissed from the Academy, and transferred to the Soviet Far East. He was denied the doctorate he had earned.

One of his papers, which reached the West in 1969, is an analysis of why Russia came so close to defeat in the early stages of the Second World War. In this Grigorenko pins responsibility for it firmly on Stalin and the Party leaders. He rejects the notion of German superiority and the advantage of surprise. It was, rather, only bungling amounting to treachery that allowed the Germans to overrun the country.

In 1964, he was arrested for participating in an unofficial organization which distributed leaflets calling for a return to Leninism. He did not stand



trial; instead, KGB psychiatrists at the notorious Serbsky Institute declared him "paranoid with developed symptoms of arteriosclerosis", and he was confined in Moscow and Leningrad mental asylums.

The following year he was released but, being deprived of his pension, had to earn his living as a labourer.

Although discharged from the army and expelled from the Party, Grigorenko retained the respect of former colleagues. Ignoring official warnings, he campaigned for civil rights, leading protests against the persecution of dissidents.

He denounced the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, spoke against censorship and one-candidate elections, and took up the cause of the Crimean Tatars, insisting on their right to return to their homeland, from which they had been transported by Stalin.

He was again arrested in 1969, when he went to the Uzbek capital of Tashkent to attend the trial of Crimean Tatar leaders. The local court was ordered to declare him insane, and he was imprisoned in psychiatric hospitals, where the brutal treatment meted out to him severely damaged his health.

Among those who petitioned for his release were academician Sakharov and over 700 Crimean Tatars; but only after his third heart attack in 1974 was he set free.

He described his experiences in several clandestine *samizdat* publications which circulated in the USSR and reached the West. "They pack me into a strait jacket while hitting me and strangling me. Then begins the trial that caused me much suffering: having a tube pushed into my throat.

"I resist as well as I can", it continues. "They hit me, they strangle me again . . . they hit my injured leg. I resist . . . hoping my heart will give up. I come to want death . . ."

He returned to his civil rights activities. Now well known in the West, he was less likely to be imprisoned by the Soviet authorities, hoping as they were to benefit from *détente*.

His son, Andrei, emigrated to the United States in 1975, and, two years later, Grigorenko and his wife, Zinaida, left to join him in exile.

Even that was not the end of his persecution: he was deprived of his Soviet citizenship and repeatedly denounced in the Soviet press. But he continued to speak out in defence of his dissident friends in the USSR.

His memoirs, *In the Underground, One Meets Only Rats*, were published in 1982 and subsequently translated into several languages, including English. They reveal a warm-hearted, modest personality.

He spent his last years bidridden after a stroke which left him partially paralyzed. Until the end, though, he declared his love for "mother Russia". "Everything has its price," he said. "I agreed to pay that price."

He had three children by his first wife, Mariya, whom he married in 1927 and divorced in 1942. Zinaida Egorovna, whom he married in 1948, was also active in the democratic movement; they had one son, Andrei.

PROFESSOR J. S. MITCHELL

Professor J. S. Mitchell, CBE, FRS, who did valuable work in using radioactive drugs to identify cancerous cells, died on February 22. He was 77.

Joseph Stanley Mitchell was born in Birmingham on July 22, 1909, and educated there: first, at Marlborough Road Council School and then at King Edward's High School.

His natural gift for science led on to Cambridge and to a First in Physics in the Natural Science Tripos.

He then abandoned physics for medicine, returning to Birmingham for his clinical work, and in 1934 he obtained the Cambridge MB. This twin interest in physics and medicine shaped the whole of his subsequent career.

A house physician post at the General Hospital, Birmingham, followed, but soon he returned to Cambridge to the Colloid Science Laboratory for research which led to a PhD and a Fellowship at St John's College in 1936.

At that time the main contribution of physics to medicine was in radiotherapy, where accurate modern methods and equipment were being developed. During the year 1937-8, when he was resident radiological officer at the Christie Hospital, Manchester, he studied these developments.

He then seized the chance to combine research and clinical work in Cambridge as assistant in radiotherapy in the new department of medicine.

His knowledge of radioactive physics proved of great value during the war when he was in charge of medical investigations at the National Research Council Laboratory, Montreal. He was quick to see the application of nuclear development in radiotherapy, and was an early advocate of radioactive cobalt as a source of radiation.

After the war he returned to Cambridge to a personal chair in radiotherapeutics and built up his research department in conjunction with the clinical department of radiotherapy at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

During the next few years he searched for a compound to sensitize malignant cells to the effects of radiation, and in the development of the drug Synkavit he was able to demonstrate this effect in the laboratory and to show a small but definite clinical improvement.

He had installed a 30 million volt synchroton for combined clinical and research use, which he adapted for use as a research-type linear accelerator for clinical use only. In 1957 his contributions were recognized by his appointment as regius professor of physic.

Mitchell's great ambition was to have a clinical school in Cambridge. To this end he continued the development of a post-graduate clinical school, and progress was so successful that, in 1960, the Todd Report recognized Addenbrooke's as a suitable centre for a new medical school.

Many women must be grateful for his demonstration by clinical trial that the mutilating radical mastectomy was no more successful than the simpler operation.

In the experimental field he continued his search for a radioactive drug which could be selectively absorbed into malignant cells. He labelled Synkavit with tritium and demonstrated its concentration within cancer cells. This had a limited success as a palliative therapeutic procedure.

The iodine-labelled diuretic was shown to localize in some human tumours, which could then be detected with whole body scanning and thus form the basis of a valuable diagnostic test.

He maintained active links with German universities and became president of the Anglo-German Medical Society, spending some time each year in laboratories at Frieburg. His recreations were modern languages and mathematics; he also enjoyed a good walk.

He published two books: *Studies in Radiotherapeutics* (1960) and *Cancer: If Curable, Why Not Cured?* (1971).

As a clinician Mitchell always insisted on the total care of the patient, and was never satisfied until psychological as well as medical needs had been fully met. In personal service and compassion for his patients he was exemplary and did not spare himself.

In 1934 he married Dr Lilian Mary Buxton, who was always his constant support. She died in 1983. He is survived by their son and daughter.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation: on thee do I wait all the day
Psalm 25 5

BIRTHS

BROOKS On February 17th, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury to Janet (née Shaw) and Christopher, a daughter, Julia Margaret, a sister for Thomas

BURGE - On February 21st, to Jennifer (née Williams) and Nigel, a daughter, Sarah Kathryn.

COOPER On February 21st 1987, at Southlands Hospital, Shoreham, to Gail (née Downey) and Simon, a son, Edward Sean, a brother for James.

DODD On February 21st, Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, to Sarah (née Cronsen) and David, a son, Joshua David Lindley

FARQUHARSON - On February 19th, at Bradford Royal Infirmary to, Daphne (née Orde) and David, a son, Timothy Duncan

FLOYER-ACLAND - On February 20th, at the Louise Margaret, to Sarah (née Synge) and Richard, a son, Charles Stafford.

GOYDER On February 4th, to Conca (née Reid) and Mark, a daughter, Diana Rosemary

GRANT - On 20th February, at The Westminster Hospital, to Laragh (née Aimers) and David, a daughter, Georgina Charlotte

JAKES On February 17th 1987, to Marion (née Clark) and Clifford, a son, Toby Duncan, a brother for Alexander

KNIGHTS On February 16th, at St Paul's Hospital, Cheltenham, to Lorna (née Forbes) and Guy, a daughter, Daisy, a sister for Lucy and Amy

OSADZINSKI On February 19th, to Virginia (née Finch) and Alex, a son, Henry Robert.

POLAND On January 30th, to Sarah (née Crombie) and Simon, a son, Jonathan.

PRIESTER-READING On February 19th, to Anna-Clare and Mario, a son, Lawrence

RIDLEY On February 21st, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Hooton) and Mark, a son, Matthew Edward, a brother for Amy

SHARKEY On February 19th, at Elsie Inglis Memorial Hospital in Edinburgh, to Teresa (née Gorst) and Andrew, a daughter

WHEELER-BOOTH - On February 20th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Emily (née Smith) and Michael, a daughter, Charlotte Mary Ellen, a sister for Kate.

WORBOYS On February 21st, at Cambridge, to Louella (née Hodgson) and Colin, twins, Joseph and Lucy, siblings to Tessa.

MARRIAGES

GLEDHILL:COLLINSON - On February 21st in Southampton, Simon Roger Gledhill to Miss Heather Mary Collinson

DEATHS

ALDRIDGE On February 23rd 1987, at home, Anne Margery (née Radcliffe-Wilson) beloved wife of Dr.Roy Aldridge, mother of Frances and Mark, and loved grandmother. Funeral service on Friday February 27th at 2.30pm, at St.Nicholas' Church, Blakeney. No flowers, donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

APPEL On February 21st 1987, peacefully at his home in Norfolk, Bill aged 77 years, dear husband of Hazel and proud father of Rosemary, Robin, Martin and Jonathan. Funeral service at the Priory Church of All Saints, Weybourne, Thursday 26th February, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations to The Sheringham Health Centre Support Group, c/o Blythe & Sons Limited, 4 Cromer Street, Sheringham.

AUSTIN On February 23rd, peacefully in his 99th year, Cecil Walter, of Tanyard Farm, Langshott, Horley, Surrey. Devoted husband of the late Constance Irene and loving father of his children the late Leslie and Lavender and very dear father-in-law of Helen Austin. Formerly Senior Partner of Stoneham Langton and Passmore, Bolton Street, London. No flowers but, if wished, donations for Horley Day Centre to Mrs D. Jupp, 54 Oakwood Road, Horley, Surrey, RH6 7BY. Funeral service at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Monday March 2nd, at 3 pm.

BINNEY On Thursday February 19th 1987, peacefully at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, Mary of Clifton House, Crieff, beloved wife of the late Brigadier Thomas Binney, C.B.E., dear mother of Anne and Alison. Funeral Service in Perth Crematorium, on Wednesday February 25th at 2.30pm to which all friends are invited

BIRD - On February 21st 1987, at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, Austin Ralph Bird, F.C.A., (Dick), dearly loved husband, father and grandpa, so much missed by all his family and friends. Service at St. Mary's Church, Bentworth at 2pm on Thursday 26th February 26th.

CASTELL - On February 20th, peacefully at home in Cape Town, Henry Edward, aged 85, beloved husband of Joan and father of William. Funeral on Wednesday February 25th. Donations if desired to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 41, Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR.

CHESTER - On Thursday February 19th 1987, in Bath, Lilian, aged 83, mother of Ruth and widow of Colonel C.C. Chester, R.E. (Bill). Much loved by her family, pupils and many friends of all ages. A private cremation will be held in Bath. A Memorial Service will take place on Wednesday 25th March at 5.30 pm in The Hugh Smith Hall, Eversleigh Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

CORBETT - On february 20th 1987, peacefully at home after a short illness, Nina, mother of Simon and Charles. Private funeral.

CRESSALL - On February 20th 1987, Nellie Winifred, aged 87 years, peacefully in her sleep. Beloved aunt of Betty, Harry, Joan and Peter. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, Tuesday March 3rd, at 11.20am, in the East Chapel

CRUFT - On February 20th, peacefully near the sea, Adrian Cruft F.R.C.M., aged 66. Funeral private. No flowers please, but donations to the British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London, W1.

DOBSON - On February 21st 1987, peacefully at her home, Moor Park, Fairy Cross, Near Bideford, North Devon, Norah, aged 83 years. Wife of the late Cyril Ivan Dobson, formerly of Wraysbury, near Staines, Middlesex. Funeral service will be held at the North Devon Crematorium, Barnstaple on Wednesday February 25th at 10.30am. Flowers and enquiries to Morris Brothers, Funeral Directors, 95 Meddon Street, Bideford. 023 72 73744. A lovely lady sadly missed.

DOUGLAS - On February 20th, peacefully at home, Gordon, beloved husband of Elinor (Tubby), dear father of Ann and Campbell. Much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Family flowers only. Funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Woldingham on Thursday February 26th at 3.15 pm.

DWYER - On February 20th 1987, Sr Francoise Therese, beloved member of the community at St Maurs Convent, Weybridge, sister of Sr. Celine, Mrs Celine Grey, Dr William (of Walsall) Peadar (of Montreal) and of the late Fr. Johnny, Tom, Paddy, and Albie. Requiem Mass at St Maurs Convent on Thursday February 26th at 11.00am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Julie Andrews, Arterial Research Fund, St Peters Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey.

FALKINER - On February 19th, peacefully at Leckhampton Court, Cheltenham, Lt-Col. Sir T.E.P. Falkiner, Bt. Funeral at Belmont Abbey, Hereford on Friday February 27th at 2.30pm. No flowers, but donations may be sent to:- Maxillo-Facial Unit Fund, Cheltenham General Hospital, Sandford Road, Cheltenham.

FRANK - On Sunday, February 22nd, Robert John, Baronet, beloved husband of Joyce and father of Maria, Lucy and Andrew and a much loved Grandfather. Funeral at the Parish Church, Waltham St Lawrence, Thursday 26th 11 30am. Family flowers. Donations if desired to the Liver Unit, C/O Dr Roger Williams, Kings College Hospital, London and The Home of Rest for Horses at Speen, Buckinghamshire.

GRIME - On February 21st, after a long illness, Denis Holt, dearly loved father of Louise and Peter.

HANBURY TRACY DOMVILE - On February 22nd 1987, Claud Edward Frederick, peacefully at Wimborne. Much loved husband of the late Marcella and father of Andrew, Mary, and Charles. Service at All Saints, Hampreston, 2.30 pm, Thursday February 26th. Flowers to O'Hara, Rowland's Hill, Wimborne.

HEARN - On February 21st 1987, Sarah Ellice, beloved 13 year old daughter of Shane and Mo, after a long illness borne with great courage and simple faith, surrounded with love and care. Funeral service at St. Peter's Parish Church, Bexhill-on-Sea on Thursday February 26th at 2.15pm, followed by private interment. Enquiries to Mummeries, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. Tel: 0424-210418

KNAPP - On February 20th, Margaret, beloved wife of Dick and mother of Michael, Robert and Peter. Thanksgiving Service at St. Michael's Parish Church, St. Albans, at 1.15pm, on Thursday February 26th. Family flowers only but donations to Friends of St.Albans City Hospital.

MDIVANI - On February 19th, peacefully, Princess Nina, born January 27th, 1901 in Tiflis, Georgia. Widow of Denis Conan Doyle and Anthony Harwood. Funeral Brompton Oratory, at 2pm, on Tuesday March 3rd, followed by private cremation. Flowers care of Blake and Hortock 01 363 3221.

MITCHELL - On Sunday February 22nd 1987, Joseph Stanley CBE, Regius Professor of Physic Emeritus University of Cambridge, peacefully at his home, aged 77 years. Funeral service at Cambridge crematorium on Friday February 27th at 12.30pm. Family only. No flowers please. Enquiries to Brian Warner, Funeral Service. Tel: Cambridge 240258.

MYERS - On February 20th 1987, peacefully at the Evelyn Hospital, Cambridge, after illness borne with the greatest courage, patience and cheerfulness, Alan Norman Myers F.C.A., dearly loved husband of Betty, beloved father of John and Elizabeth, and loving grandfather. Funeral service at St Andrew's Street, Baptist Church, Cambridge on Tuesday March 3rd, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, if desired donations may be sent to Dr T Wheeler, University of Cambridge, Cancer Research, Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

NEUWENHUYS - On February 21st, in hospital Hilversum, Jan Willem, remembered with sincere love and affection by Joy his sister, Karen his niece, and Bob his brother-in-law. Private cremation on Wednesday February 25th, to be held in Utrecht, Holland. Requiescat in pace.

ODELL - On February 21st 1987, in Cambridge, Professor N.E. Odell of Clare College, aged 96 years

ROWE - On February 21st, peacefully after a short illness, Agnes Barbara, of Milton-Under-Wychwood, Oxon. Funeral service at Shipton-Under-Wychwood, Parish Church on Thursday February 26th at 3.45pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2DL.

SCHOFIELD - On February 21st, in Uckfield Hospital, John Lee, aged 84. Dear husband of Helen. No letters please and family flowers only. Enquiries to Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield (0825)3241

SOSNOW - On February 20th, suddenly, Eric beloved husband of Sylvia, devoted father to Fiona and her husband Ronnie, grandfather of Norman Richard and Alexandra Elisabeth. Funeral has already taken place.

TALBOT - On February 20th 1987, The Right Honourable, Joseph Lord Talbot of Malahide at Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, Sussex. Youngest son of John Reginald Talbot of Rhode Hill, Lyme Regis. Remembered with loving affection by Delphine, Elisabeth, David, Joe and their families. Rest in Peace.

THORP - On Monday 16th February, in Vancouver General Hospital, Dr. Robert (Robin) Hugh M.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., husband of Zellie and father of Giles and Justin. A memorial service was held at St.Christophers Church, West Vancouver, on Monday 23rd February.

WATERS - On Thursday February 19th, in hospital after a short illness, Major Roy Victor, beloved husband of Peggy, father of Michael, Penny and Linda, grandfather of seven grandchildren. Cremation at Salisbury Crematorium on Wednesday February 25th, at 12.45pm. Family friends and his associated members. Family flowers only please, donations to Wessex Cancer Trust.

WOODROFFE - On February 20th 1987, peacefully after a short illness, Janet Florence Woodroffe, aged 99 years, of Westfield, Morehampton Road, Dublin, dearly loved aunt of John Woodroffe and Mary Burdon. Funeral service on Tuesday February 24th at 2.30pm, in Sandford Church Ranelagh, Dublin. No flowers but donations if desired to: C.M.S. Ireland.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BARFIELD - In Memory of my dear Arthur, who died on February 23rd, 1983.

CUNNINGHAM - Reverend John. Memorial Service at 3pm on Thursday 5th March at St Michael and All Angels Pirbright.

DAWSON-BOWLING - Canon J.O.M. Died 24th February 1980. Remembered always with love.

HOYES - Alison Lucy. 24th February 1984. 'Alison brevis annos fata dederunt, raro antecedentem scelestum deseruit pede poena claudo'. In loving memory Fleur and Caroline.

SISTER DOROTHY St Bernard's Convent (High Wycombe and Slough) 1903 to 1986. Loved and remembered always.

Church news

The Ven R.M.C. Jeffery, Archdeacon of Salop, has been appointed Dean of Worcester, it was announced yesterday. He succeeds the Very Rev. T.G.A. Baker, who as resigned.

Other appointments

Canon D Askew, Rector, South Lafford Group, diocese of Lincoln: to be Rector Rushington, same diocese.

The Rev P Barnes, Curate, St Nicholas, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, diocese of Guildford: to be Rector St Mary (Cusop), St Mary (Clifford), Holy Trinity (Hardwicke), St Andrew (Bredwardine), Brobury, St Michael and All Angels (Moccas), Hay-on-Wye, diocese of Hereford.

The Rev B Barnes-Ceeney, Chaplain, HM Prison, Bristol: to be Chaplain, HM Prison, Ford.

The Rev R Bateman, Curate, St John, Greenside, diocese of Durham: to be Vicar Newburn, diocese of Newcastle

The Rev D G Blyth, Vicar, Stalham with Brunstead and East Ruston and Rural Dean of Waxham, diocese of Norwich: to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev R M D de Brisay, formerly Chaplain of Forest School, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Priest-in-Charge, Wethersfield and Blackmore End with Shalford, same diocese.

The Rev G A Buckler, Chaplain, County and St George's Hospitals, Lincoln, diocese of Lincoln: to be Chaplain, Wexham Park Hospital, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev M H Burden, Priest-in-Charge, Berwick Holy Trinity and Berwick St Mary, diocese of Newcastle to be Vicar, Berwick Holy Trinity and Priest-in-Charge, Berwick St Mary, same diocese.

The Rev S M Burdett, Vicar, St John, Earlsfield, London, diocese of Southwark to be Vicar, St John, Malden, Surrey, same diocese.

The Rev P A Butler, Assistant Curate, St Stephen's, Gloucester Road, diocese of London: to be Vicar, St Michael's and All Angels, Bedford Park, same diocese.

The Rev M J Cartwright, Vicar, St Paul, Stockton-on-Tees, diocese of Durham to be Vicar, Market Rasen, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev J M C Colbourn, Vicar, St John's, Fareham, diocese of Portsmouth to be Vicar, Crich, diocese of Derby

The Rev C J Collison, Assistant Ministry Secretary for the Missions to Seamen in the diocese of London: to be Vicar St Edmund and St Helen, Costessey Norwich, diocese of Norwich

The Rev N E Davies, Headmaster, Sedgehill School, Catford, London, diocese of Southwark: to be Vicar, St mark with St Margaret, Plumstead, London, same diocese.

Canon G A Elcoat, Priest-in-Charge, Tweedmouth, diocese of Newcastle: to be Vicar Tweedmouth, same diocese

The Rev C I Evans, Vicar, Llangeinor diocese of Llandaff, Church in Wales: to be Vicar, Watlington with Pyrton and Shirburn, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev S A Evason, Team Vicar, Cleethorpes Team Ministry, diocese of Lincoln to be Team Vicar, Howden, diocese of York

The Rev H I Gordon-Cumming, Rector Busbridge St John the Baptist, diocese of Guildford: to be Priest-in-Charge, Lynch St Luke with Iping Marsh, diocese of Chichester.

The Rev M P Grantham, Assistant Curate, Gainsborough All Saints, diocese of Lincoln: to be Rector, South Kelsey Group, same diocese.

The Rev G R Hall, Vicar, Wymondham, and Rural Dean of Humbleyard, diocese of Norwich: to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev A E D Harris, Curate (non-stipendiary), Frant St Alban with Eridge Holy Trinity, diocese of Chichester: to be Curate (non-stipendiary), Withyham St Michael and All Angels, same diocese.

The Rev A M R Housman, Curate, Christ Church, West Croydon, diocese of Southwark: to be Team Vicar, Stratton St Margaret with South Marston and Stanton Fitzwarren, diocese of Bristol.

The Rev G S Ingram, Assistant Curate, Spalding St Mary and St Nicholas, diocese of Lincoln: to be Assistant Curate, Heaton, diocese of Manchester.

The Rev C R Johnson, Team Vicar, Bushbury Team, diocese of Lichfield: to be Rector, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, same diocese.

The Rev A C H Lathe, Vicar, Heigham St Thomas, Norwich, diocese of Norwich: to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev P G Lewis, Team Vicar, West Grimsby Team Ministry, diocese of Lincoln: to be Vicar, Little Paxton, diocese of Ely.

The Rev D W B McCulloch, Priest-in-Charge, St John the Evangelist, Middlesbrough, diocese of York: to be Rector, St James the Less, Aberdeen, diocese of United diocese of of Aberdeen and Orkney, Scottish Episcopal Church.

The Rev K F Middleton, Team Rector and Rural Dean of Bridgnorth, diocese of Hereford: to be Team Rector, Littleham-cum-Exmouth, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev K Morley, Rector, Ingoldsby, Grantham, diocese of Lincoln: to be Priest-in-Charge, Old Dalby and Nether Broughton, diocese of Leicester.

The Rev D J Munt, Rector, Litcham with Kempston with East and West Lexham, Mileham, Beeston-next-Mileham and Stanfield, and Rural Dean of Brisley and Elmham, diocese of Norwich: to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev G A Newman, Curate, Newbiggin Hall, diocese of Newcastle: to be Vicar, Warkworth with Acklington, same diocese.

The Rev R D Page, Priest-in-Charge, Brooke, Kirstead, Mundham with Seething and Thwaite, diocese of Norwich: to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev A L J Redfern, Vice-Principal, Ripon College, Cuddesdon, diocese of Oxford: to be Residentiary Canon, Bristol Cathedral, diocese of Bristol.

The Rev J A Russell, Vicar, St Andrew, Ham, Surrey, diocese of Southwark: to be Parish Priest, St Luke, Battersea, London, same diocese

The Rev C M Semper, Vicar, Gresford, Wrexham, Clwydd, diocese of St Asaph, Church in Wales: to be Rector, Claypole, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev A N Stamp, Vicar, St Alban West Leigh, Havant, diocese of Portsmouth: to be Rector, All Saints, Botley, same diocese.

Canon J A Taylor, Vicar, Withyham St John the Evangelist, and Rural Dean of Rotherfield, diocese of Chichester: to be also Priest-in-Charge, Withyham St Michael and All Angels on 29 March 1987, on which date he will resign as Rural Dean of Rotherfield.

The Rev J W Thacker, Assistant Curate, Penkridge with Stretton, diocese of Lichfield: to be Vicar, Brothertoft Group, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev J Thom, Vicar, Coxwold and Husthwaite, and Archbishop's Adviser on Spiritual Direction in the diocese of York: to be Priest-in-Charge, Topcliffe, and Archbishop's Adviser on Spiritual Direction in the diocese.

The Rev P A Tuft, Vicar, St Nicholas, Chiswick, diocese of London: to be also Area Dean of Hounslow, same diocese.

The Rev P C Turner, Rector, Fyfield, and Priest-in-Charge, Moreton with Bobbingworth, diocese of Chelmsford: to be Priest-in-Charge, East Ham, St George, same diocese.

The Rev J B Watson-Pegman, Regional Director, Missions to Seamen, diocese of Lincoln: to be Vicar, Skelsmergh, Selside and Long Sleddale, diocese of Carlisle.

The Rev C Whealton, Curate-in-Charge, St Christopher, Warlingham, Surrey, diocese of Southwark: to be Vicar, the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey, same diocese.

The Rev B Whitehead, Vicar, St Mark, Ford, Plymouth, diocese of Exeter: to be Vicar, Castle Donington, Lockington cum Hemington, diocese of Leicester.

The Rev G J Wickstead, Assistant Curate, Louth Team Ministry, diocese of Lincoln: to be Priest-in-Charge, East Markham with Askham, Headon with Upton and Grove, diocese of Southwell.

The Rev W O B Williams, Assistant Curate, Sollsby Group, diocese of Lincoln: to be Incumbent, Meppershall, Upper Stondon and Campton, diocese of St Albans.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev C J E Bridgland, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Redhill, Surrey, diocese of Southwark: to retire on 9 July 1987.

The Rev N H Collard, Vicar, Grantham St Anne, diocese of Lincoln; to retire on 31 July 1987.

The Rev J Crane, Priest-in-Charge, Harvington and Norton and Lenchwick, diocese of Worcester: to resign on 1 April 1987.

The Rev H H Davis, Rector, West Hanningfield, diocese of Chelmsford: to retire on 31 August 1987.

The Rev J Green, Rector, Ripple, Earl's Croome with Hill Croome and Strensham, diocese of Worcester: to resign on 1 April 1987.

The Rev L Hadley, Rector, Colchester, Greenstead, diocese of Chelmsford: to retire on 30 April 1987.

Canon F J Hickey, Vicar, Tilbury Docks, St John the Baptist, diocese of Chelmsford: to retire on 31 March 1987.

The Rev R W J Hoggett, Vicar, Keelby Group, diocese of Lincoln: to retire on 31 March 1987.

The Rev E J C Loseby, Vicar, Swinford with Catthorpe, Shawell and Stanford, diocese of Leicester: to retire on 30 April 1987.

Canon P C Rumsey, Rector, High Wych and Gilston with Eastwick, diocese of St Albans, to retire 28 February 1987.

London University

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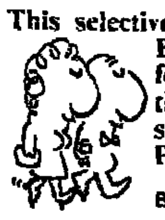

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Haymarket Studio Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797) Mon-Thurs 7.45-10.30pm. Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, £3, until March 11.

MANCHESTER: ☆ ***The Alchemist:*** Ben Jonson's sharp comedy of dupes and swindlers in Jacobean London.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833) Mon-Thurs 7.30-10.20pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.50pm, matinee Wed 2.30-5.20pm, Sat 4-6.50pm. £2.50-£9, until March 28.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **March of the Falsettos:** Zippy, witty musical by William Finn concerning the home life of New York bisexuals.
Library Theatre, Central Library, St Peter's Square (061 236 7110). Mon-Thurs 7.30-8.45pm, Fri and Sat 6-7.15pm and 8.30-9.45pm, £3-£4.20, until March 7.

OXFORD: ☆ **Shakespeare's Henrys:** Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V in Michael Bogdanov's trilogy for the New English Shakespeare Company.
Oxford Apollo, George Street (0865 244544) *Henry IV Part One* Wed 2-5pm and 7.30-10.30pm, and Sat 11-2pm, *Henry IV Part Two* today and Thurs 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 3.30-6.30pm, *Henry V* Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm. £5.50-£7.50.

PRESTON: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Michael Maloney plays Ibsen's feckless hero in this Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production.
Charter Theatre, Lancaster Road (0772 58858) Tues-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, £2.50-£4, until Feb 28.

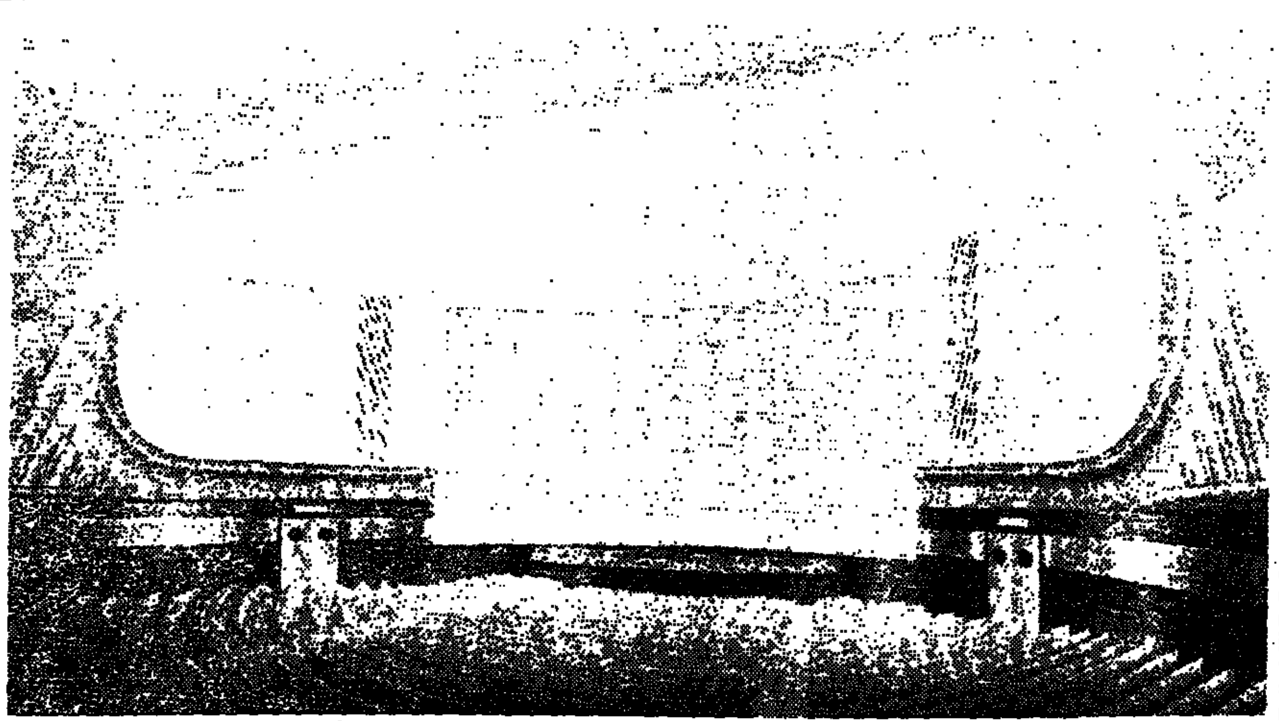
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Paul Jones as Petruchio and Nichola McAuliffe as Kate in the RSC's first American musical.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, matinée Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm, £5-£16.50.

FILMS

■ ***Also on national release***
≘ ***Advance booking possible***

CACTUS (PG): Bizarre and powerful romance from Australia's most adventurous film-maker, Paul Cox, with Isabelle Huppert as the French visitor half-blinded in a car accident (105 min).
≘ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs 2.20, 4.20, 6.25, 8.40.

CASTAWAY (15): Lucy Irvine's tropical island adventure, filmed by Nicolas Roeg with pretty and provocative pictures, but no narrative drive. With Oliver Reed and newcomer Amanda Donohoe (116 min).
≘ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
≘ ***Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue*** (01-836 8861). Progs 2.30, 5.35, 8.20.



Multi-screen cinemas have made the act of watching a film akin to sitting in a shoebox, *but it was not always so. The Dream Palace era of minarets, Gothic arches and winged charioteers comes jumping back to life this week with an exhibition of British cinema interior designs of the 1920s, produced by the John Alexander studio. These beautiful watercolour and gouache drawings were prepared to keep clients happy and document work in progress.* Now — thanks to bulldozers and bingo — they are often the only *remaining evidence of the cinema's original* appearance. Only one Alexander interior exists intact — an Art Deco fantasy in Worcester — though even there redevelopment looms. The drawings themselves experienced their own brush with fate in *1973. A visitor to Alexander's home, noting huge drawings by the dustbin*, alerted the Victoria and Albert Museum, and a unique record of a vanishing age was preserved. The previous week, Alexander had paid the dustmen to *take* away another stack. *Cinema Designs by John Alexander and Studio* has been put together by two London art dealers, Yu-Chee Chong and Vanessa Devereux, *and it opens tomorrow at the Vanessa Devereux Gallery, 11 Blenheim Crescent, London* W11 *(01-221 6836), Mon to Fri, 11am-7pm, Sat 10am-2pm,* free, until March 20. *Geoff Brown*

COMING UP ROSES (PG): Modest, endearing Welsh-language film about the closure of a small town cinema. Directed by Stephen Bayly with a touch of the old Ealing spirit *(94 min)*.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.35, 3.30, 5.50, 8.15.
≘ ***Screen on the Hill*** *(01-435 3366)*. Progs 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.05.

■ **FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (15):** The thinking teenager's teen *movie*, with Matthew Broderick as the charmed pupil of a Chicago high school playing hooky with friends. John Hughes writes and *directs (103 min)*.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149) Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901) Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.25, 8.35.
≘ ***Cannon Fulham Road*** *(01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990)*. Progs 2.00, 5.00, 9.00.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Progs 2.10, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35.
≘ ***Plaza Lower Regent Street*** *(01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200)* Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

THE FLY (18): Jeff Goldblum — an *inspired choice — plays the* experimental scientist undergoing a metamorphosis. Directed by David Cronenberg with his usual emphasis on glossy, queasy *shocks (96 min)*.
≘ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, 01-930 3232)). Progs 12.00, 2.45, 5.30, 8.15, 11.15.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011) *Progs* 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.

THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG): Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren in an atmospheric adventure, based on Paul Theroux's novel about a *family taking refuge in Central America's rivers and jungle* (119 min).
≘ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.30.

OTELLO (U): The Verdi opera flamboyantly filmed for lay consumption by Franco Zeffirelli. With Placido *Domingo*, Katia *Ricciarelli; conducted* by Lorin Maazel (126 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.15.

■ **ROUND MIDNIGHT (15):** Bertrand Tavernier's loving homage to jazz musicians; with *Dexter Gordon as a saxophonist in* Paris befriended by an idolizing Frenchman (131 min).
≘ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, *cc 01-439 1534*). Progs *2.50, 5.35, 8.20.*

SALVADOR (18): Vivid political drama set in Central America, *inspired by the past adventures of photo-journalist* Richard Boyle. Oliver Stone directs James Woods, James Belushi (123 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road *(01-636 6148). Progs* 2.55, 5.30, 8.10.
≘ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.40, 6.20, 8.40.
≘ Warner West End *(01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs* 12.45, 3.15, 5.50, 8.20.

■ **SHORT CIRCUIT (PG):** Lightning strikes a robotized weapons system, causing chaos. Inventive comic romp for teenagers, directed by John Badham; with Ally Sheedy, Steve Guttenberg (99 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.10, 5.45, 8.20.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). *Progs* 2.25, 4.25, 6.30, 8.35.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.15, 8.25, 10.40.
≘ ***Odeon Kensington*** *(01-602 6644*, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 3.00, 5.10, 8.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-586 3057). Progs *3.00, 5.10, 8.30.*

■ ***WHEN THE WIND BLOWS (PG):*** Animated version of Raymond Briggs's best-seller about a placid old couple facing a nuclear attack. John Mills and Peggy Ashcroft *provide the voices (85 min)*.
≘ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443) Progs 1.50, 3.20, 5.15, 7.10, 9.10.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096) Progs *2.40, 6.15, 8.50.*
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527) Progs 1.15, 3.10, 5.05, 7.00, 9.00.
≘ **Cannon Shaftesbury Ave** (01-836 8861) Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.00, 8.45.

OPERA

★ ***DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE:*** Return of *the sparkly Christmas Flute now recast and, I hope, re-invigorated.* Peter Schneider still conducts but there are brighter things on stage, including Angela Maria Blasi, Robin *Leggate, Meryl Drower and Mikael* Melbye.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7-10.15pm, £2 to £40.

☆ **FAUST:** Ian Judge's show-biz approach to Gounod's *diablerie*, strongly revised with fine *performances from Arthur* Davies, Helen Field, Ulrik Cold and Alan Opie.
English National Opera, *Coliseum*, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). 7.30-10.30pm, £2 to £18.50.

★ **RIGOLETTO:** A conventional but powerful new production for Opera *80 as it reaches the half-way point in its nationwide tour.*
Festival Theatre, Grange Road, Malvern (0684 892277), 7.30-10pm, £3.50 to £4.50.

☆ **CAMACHO'S WEDDING:** World premier of Mendelssohn's comic *opera based on Don Quixote*, after recent discovery of the libretto's manuscript draft in the Bodleian. Clive Brown conducts and Duncan Watt directs.
Oxford University Opera, Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 247133), 8-10.45pm, £4.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ ***GUILDHALL SINFONIA:*** Haydn's *Symphony* No 104 "*London*" is played by the Guildhall Sinfonia under John Georgiadis, and in Villa-Lobos's Fantasia for Soprano *Saxophone and Chamber* Orchestra the soloist is Kyle Horsh.
Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (01-247 6844), 1.05-1.55pm, £1.50.

EVENING

★ **BRENDEL TWICE:** Alfred Brendel solos in both Mozart's Piano Concerto B flat K595 and *Haydn's D major Concerto. Earlier*, Janos Fürst conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Mozart's Symphony No 39, later in Liszt's *Les Préludes*.
Festival Hall, *South Bank, London* SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.35pm, £3.50-£12.

☆ **KODALY'S BARTOK:** The Kodaly Quartet performs Bartók's *Quartet No 6, also Mozart's Quartet* K 387; then Piers Lane is added for Brahms's Piano Quintet.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, *London W1 (01-935 2141)*. 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£4.50.

TOP CLASSICAL COMPACT DISCS

1	(3)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**, Lloyd Webber/RPO/Menuhin	DG
2	(1)	**Holst: The Planets**, BPO/Karajan	DG
3	(4)	**Luciano Pavarotti: Pavarotti Collection**	Stylus
4	(5)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**, AAM/Hogwood	Decca
5	(2)	**Beethoven: Symphonies 5 and 6**, BPO/Karajan	DG
6	(6)	**Julian Lloyd Webber/LSO:** *Pieces*	PolyGram
7	(8)	***Elgar: Enigma Variations***, *BBC SO/Bernstein*	*DG*
8	(9)	***Tchaikovsky: 1812/Marche Slave***, *CSO/Barenboim*	DG
9	(-)	***Placido Domingo: The Collection***	Stylus
10	(11)	**Tchaikovsky: Swan Lake/Nutcracker Suite**, Israel PO/Mehta	Decca
11	(7)	**Rachmaninov: Piano Concertos 2/4**, Ashkenazy/CGB/Haitink	Decca
12	(15)	**Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite; Sibelius: Pelleas and Melisande**, BPO/Karajan	DG
13	*(10)*	***Vivaldi:Four Seasons***, *English Concert/Pinnock*	*Archiv*
14	*(12)*	***Mendelssohn & Bruch: Violin Concertos***, Mutter/BPO/Karajan	DG
15	(13)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**, Mutter/VPO/Karajan	EMI
16	(18)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto/Sea Pictures**, Du Pré/Baker/LSO/Barbiroll,	EMI
17	(14)	**Albinoni: Adagio; Pachelbel: Canon**, BPO/Karajan	DG
18	*(16)*	***Elgar: Enigma Variations***, *LPO/Boult*	*EMI*
19	*(17)*	***Elgar: Violin Concerto***, *Kennedy/LPO/Handley*	*Eminence*
20	(-)	***Beethoven: Symphony 9***, *BPO/Karajan*	DG

Source: Music Week Research

☆ **TRIO ZINGARA:** Three piano trios, Beethoven's Op 97 "*Archduke*," Mendelssohn's Op 49 and Shostakovich's Op 67, are played by the Trio Zingara.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, *cc 01-928 8800*), *7.30-9.20pm*, £2.50-£4.

☆ **BLAIR/YMSO:** The Young Musicians' Symphony *Orchestra* is *conducted by James Blair in* Kodály's Dances from Galanta, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3 (Philip Fowke, soloist) and *Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6* "Pathétique."
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-636 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £2.50-£8.50.

★ **WHITEHALL MESSIAH:** Handel's *Messiah* is performed by *the Whitehall Choir*, Rosebery *Orchestra and soloists under* Christopher Herrick.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 *(01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £2.50-£7.*

JAZZ

☆ **JOHNNY GRIFFIN:** The fastest *tenor in the Mid-West is now an elder statesman, but the fire of his* post-bop improvising remains undimmed.
Leadmill Arts Centre, *6-7 Leadmill Road, Sheffield (0742 754500) 8pm,* £5-£5.50.

☆ ***JOE HENDERSON:*** His tenor saxophone bearing traces of both Coltrane and Rollins, Henderson has matured into an aggressive, probing improviser.
Ronnie Scott's Club, *47 Frith* Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

☆ **MARIAN MONTGOMERY:** Sophisticated singer in the attractive ocean-liner setting of Dolphin Square's restaurant.
Dolphin Brasserie, Chichester Street, London SW1 (01-828 3207) 10pm.

DANCE

☆ **PARALLELS IN BLACK:** Three black dancer-choreographers from New York, all new to London, *working outside the main traditions.*
The Place, *Dukes Road, London* WC1 (01-387 0031) 8-10pm, £4.

★ ***THE SNOW QUEEN:*** *David* Bintley's treatment of the Hans Anderson story for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, *Manchester* (061-236 9922) 7.30-10.20pm, £3-£12.50.

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** *André* Prokovsky's production for Northern Ballet Theatre brings out the drama.
Grand Theatre, *Church Street,* Blackpool (0253-28372) 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ ***GISELLE:*** Galina Samsova's *production for London City* Ballet is *given with Jack Carter's dramatic Three Dances to Japanese Music.*
Chichester Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park, Chichester (0243 781312) 7.30-9.45pm, £4.50-£7.50.

ROCK

★ **CYNDI LAUPER:** Despite her *preposterous costumes and the occasional grating quality of her voice, the singer from New York is* a gifted performer and a rock songwriter with the rare distinction of having her work recorded by Miles Davis ("Time After Time").
Hammersmith Odeon, *Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081), 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50.*

☆ **BIG AUDIO DYNAMITE:** With their cosmopolitan mix of rock guitar, *rattling percussive sorties, and hip hop utilization of* "found" sounds, BAD is one of the very few rock bands who are taking the music in a fresh direction.
Ritzy, 2 *Bridge Place*, Aberdeen (022 458 1135), 7.30pm, £5 (50p refund with UB40).

☆ ***NEW MODEL ARMY:*** Passionate guitar trio who revive the spirit of rock's past while casting melodies and lyrics into a sharp contemporary perspective. *Out to promote the* superb single "Poison Street".
Shelleys, Edensor Road, Stoke-on-Trent (0782 322209). 8pm, £4.

★ **MEAT LOAF:** A Falstaffian caricature of a rock star whose *Bat Out Of Hell* was the longest-running chart *success ever witnessed in* Britain.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (091 232 8520), *7.30pm, £6.50-£8.50.*

★ **STYLE COUNCIL:** The dour Paul Weller with a *show and album (The Cost of Loving)* that have prompted widespread critical disdain.
Brighton Centre, Kings Road (0273 202881), 7.30pm, £8.

GALLERIES

ANDRZEJ KRAUZE: *Drawings, mainly book illustrations, by a* political cartoonist who left Poland in 1979.
Jablonski Gallery, 16 Woodstock *Street, London W1 (01-629-4419), Mon-Fri 10.30-5.30pm, Sat 11-4pm,* free, until March 13.

MAX BEERBOHM (1872-1956): 50 cartoons by a much feared satirist of the Edwardian period.
The Piccadilly Gallery, 16 Cork *Street, London W1 (01-629-2875),* Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-12.30pm, free, until March 21.

TERRY FROST: Exuberant abstract paintings from the 1980s by an old master of the St Ives School.
Newlyn Art Gallery, Penzance *(0736-63715), Mon-Sat 10-5pm,* free, until March 19.

JOHN HOYLAND: *A remarkable* display of abstract fireworks by the winner of this year's Athena Art Award.
Waddington Galleries, 2 & 34 Cork *Street, London W1 (01-437-8611), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm,* free, until Feb 28.

JOHN MOORES EXHIBITION: 70 pictures, including works by most of Britain's major painters, selected from an open competition entry *won this time around by Jim Head.*
Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051-227-5234), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, 40p, until April 20.

THE PRIVATE DEGAS: Informative exhibition of paintings, drawings *and sculptures showing how this* supposedly Impressionist painter worked painstakingly from detailed sketches.
Whitworth Art Gallery, Whitworth *Park, Manchester (061-273-4865),* Mon-Sat 10-5pm, free, until Feb 28.

WALKS

INNS OF COURT — ENGLAND'S LEGAL HERITAGE: meet Chancery Lane tube (ticket office), 11am, £2.

TUDOR AND STUART LONDON: meet Westminster tube, 11am, £2.25.

BELGRAVIA 'UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS': *meet Sloane* Square tube, 2pm, £2.25.

GHOSTS OF THE CITY: meet St Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

TALKS

DEFENCE AND DETERRENCE — WHAT IS ENOUGH?: Annual *Military Lecture given this year by Admiral Sir James Eberle, Director,* Royal Institute of International Affairs.
University of Newcastle upon Tyne, *Curtis Auditorium, School of* Physics, (091 232 8511), 5.30pm, free.

WHY DO ANIMALS AND CHILDREN PLAY?: Play occurs in *many species and situations but does it serve any obvious function? Lunch hour lecture by Dorothy Einon, Lecturer in Psychology.*
University College London, Gower Street, London WC1 (01-387 7050), 1.20-2pm, free.

WADING BIRDS: Illustrated lecture by Joyce Pope in conjunction with an exhibition by American photographer, Philip L Greene.
Natural History Museum, *Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323),* 3pm, free.

ARCHITECTS AND THEIR WORK: John Tuomey of the Office of Public Works, Dublin lectures on his work.
Royal Institute of British Architects, *66 Portland Place, London W1 (01-580 5533). 6.15pm.* £1.

OTHER EVENTS

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES: 'Greenwich Challenge' — Block and Tackle and Navigational *Instruments, for 6-16 year olds,* 11am-4pm: 'Search & Destroy' — war game for up to 15 players, each game lasts approximately 30 mins, *10.30am-1pm. Challenge* sheets and instructions from the Information Desk, West Wing.
National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, Greenwich, London *SE10 (01-858 4422). Single-site* admission, adult £1.20, child 60p.

MUSEUM OF LONDON HALF-TERM FILM SHOWS: The Tale of Hoffman — Act I to coincide with the museum's 'Hello Dolly' exhibition. *Offenbach's classic ballet about the doll come to life.*
The Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699) 1.10pm, free.

RHS FLOWER SHOW: First day of the two day show with an Ornamental Plant Competition and *the British Iris Society's* Competition, RHS staff and information desk.
Royal Horticultural Society Halls, *Vincent Square, London SW1 (01-834 4333), 11am-7pm,* £2.

BOOK FAIR: Large selection at wide range of prices.
City Book Market, *St Olav's Parish* Hall, Mark Lane, London EC4. 10.30am-6pm, free.

SPRING INTERNATIONAL FAIR: Huge antique and collectors' fair with 1600 stands inside, 500 out. *Full catering facilities, licensed bar.*
The Showground, Winthorpe, Newark, Notts (0636 702326), 7am-7pm, adm before 9am £2, after 9am £1.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

A TRIBUTE TO BENNY GOODMAN: Featuring Martin Litton (piano), Digby Fairweather (trumpet), plus Kenny Baldock, Tony Crombie, *Henry Mackenzie and Ronnie* Gleaves. April 20. Advance postal booking now open.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1. (01-928 3191, *01-928 3002 information).*

FARNHAM FESTIVAL: Concerts by *Surrey children and students include first performances of works* by Grayston Ives, John Marlow Rhys, Colin Campbell, Howard Thompson, and Robert Hicks's *The Tale of Peter Rabbit, commissioned for the festival.* Also work by Villa Lobos, composers' workshops and art exhibition.
Farnham Maltings, *March 15-21. Details: Margaret Houston, Leapan,* Shortfield, Frensham, Farnham, Surrey, (025125 2048). SAE please.

LAST CHANCE

SOLDIER-ARTISTS IN INDIA: *Paintings and water colours* by British Officers serving with armies in India during the last century. Ends Sunday.
British Library, *Great Russell* Street, London WC1 (01-323 7111).

BRYAN KNEALE: Work of Royal *Academy professor of sculpture.* Ends Saturday.
Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-584 5020).

JOHN MCFADYEN: Observations of mundane street incidents by young Scottish artist, ends Sunday
Birmingham Museum and Art **Gallery**, Chamberlain Square (021 235 2834).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston: **Films:** Geoff Brown: **Concerts:** Max Harrison: **Opera:** *Hilary Finch:* **Rock:** *David Sinclair:* **Jazz:** *Richard Williams:* **Dance:** John Percival: **Galleries:** David Lee: **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug: **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Ton't 7.45 YMSO. James Blair cond. Philip Fowke piano Prog the works by KODALY, RACHMANINOV, TCHAIKOVSKY.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01 928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.30pm PHILHARMONIA Janos Furst. Alfred Brendel. Mozart: Symphony No.39. Haydn: Piano Concerto in D. Liszt: Piano Concerto No.2; Les Preludes.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 Faust. Tomor 8.00 Tosca (PLEASE NOTE LATER STARTING TIME. Perf now ends 10.45)

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903 S CC Tickets £1-£222.50 (Ballet) £2-£40 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Tomor 7.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Die Zauberflote. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET La Fille mal gardee. Ballet casting info 01 240 9815

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call cc 24hr 7-day 240 7200. Till 14 Mar Eves 7.30 Sat Mat 2.30 NEW SADLER'S WELLS OPERA No perf Ton't Tomor Ruddigore. Thurs, Fri, Sat & Mon The Count of Luxembourg. New Sadler's Wells info Hotline 278 0855

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ART GALLERIES

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CINEMAS

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THE ARTS

And still fanatics burrow away?

With God on your side and a President who is pretty damn keen too, who needs to worry about Congress? Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, whose patriotic arms deals were comprehensively explored by *Panorama* (BBC1), is reported as saying that "if it wasn't for those people up on the Hill we wouldn't have to be breaking the law".

The fury of the congressional establishment is all the more violent because, even though they outlawed military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras a couple of years ago, the President has been clearly, if tacitly, on North's side from day one. The problem in making this charge stick will be the American people: they may draw the line at Watergate dirty tricks, but are they more against aid to the Contras than they are against Reagan?

TELEVISION

***Panorama*'s excellent reporting sewed up the link between the supply of arms to Iran, the release of hostages there (though the Terry Waite situation was only briefly explored) and the massive illegal funding of arms to the Contras.**

This was no trivial pursuit with a few suitcases of cash: a whole airstrip was built in Costa Rica, near the Nicaraguan border, and the pilot Gary Betzner, now convicted for drug-smuggling and in a high-security Miami prison, suggested that when the arms were off-loaded 1,200 lbs of cocaine were put back on his plane to help with the fund-raising efforts.

Bank accounts in Geneva and Zurich, a network of military and CIA connections, and the odd Texan millionaire able to put up a million dollars ransom money all helped. We did not find out much about North the man, except that he has taken to quoting the Psalms in his time of adversity. But the wild fanaticism with which he pursued his network of activities was alarmingly documented.

The problem that remains is this: how many other Norths are still burrowing away with their pet projects at the White House, secure in the belief of the President's — and God's — approval?

William Holmes

The deadpan stare that shook the world

Bryan Appleyard assesses the true and pervasive legacy of the versatile Andy Warhol, who died at the weekend

At the Factory, 1967: the poet Gerard Malanga (left), the model, actress and singer Nico, the British folk-rock musician Donovan, Warhol's long-time associate Paul Morrissey and Andy Warhol himself

To see Andy Warhol solely as a darling of the fine arts establishment, a gallery-filler for the idle rich of New York and Los Angeles, is seriously to underestimate his achievement. If an artist is to be judged by his impact on popular consciousness, then Warhol was the Michelangelo of his age.

If you doubt this, walk into any middle-class home. Somewhere you will find, even among the densest thickets of stripped pine, a fragment of glorified commercial imagery — most typically, perhaps, a poster derived from an advertising sign. In this context the object may be overlaid with nostalgia. But the inspiration for its presence comes directly from Warhol's deadpan stare at his soup cans, Coke bottles or film stars.

Many artists have discovered beauty in unexpected places, but Warhol also created a way of seeing the world whose impact has been so pervasive that most observers are no longer even aware of it. True enough, there had been pop artists before him who had seen the possibilities — most notably in this country Richard Hamilton, whose 1956 picture *Just what is that makes today's home so different, so appealing?* suggested some of Warhol's moves. But only Warhol turned the imagery into a system that he could apply to film, journalism and music.

He has often been dismissed as an exploiter of the American art market. Of course he was, but the point was that the whole process — from manufacture to sale — had become part of the art, symbolized in the creation of the Factory. A huge studio inhabited by the detritus of New York life as well as some spectacular creative talents, its name advertised the fact that art was product, machine-made and mass-produced.

Through all this Warhol moved, white-wigged, gazing from behind dark glasses and smiling blankly. He seemed to have become himself a machine-made model of the artist, absorbing and regurgitating.

So, having become a machine in a factory, the time was ripe for him to become an industry. He diversified. First he discovered film. Typically, he created a film studio which was, in effect, a parody of Hollywood, with its own system of studio executives and superstars. But instead of the glossy unreality of the true screen idols, most of Warhol's actors displayed all the unhealthy pallor and flawed bodies of New York street-dwellers. After the unrehearsed, messy quality of these films, with their disjointed dialogue and spaced-out stars, anyone who could lay his hands on a Super-8 camera was a movie-maker.

It was clearly a method that could be applied to anything. His next target was journalism, and from the Factory emerged the magazine *Interview*. Warhol specified that its format should be that of the old *Rolling Stone* — large double-folded pages — and that its subject-matter should be showbiz. It took on the breathless and contrived superficiality of its world and reported it without comment. Interviews — transcribed from the cassette without editing — rambled on for pages.

The subjects were chosen simply because they glittered a touch more brightly on the thin fabric of the world. But apart from that, one quote was no more significant than any other, so they all went in. By concentrating on the world of socialites and dress designers, Warhol also shrewdly anticipated the imminent return to a preoccupation with glamour and, as *Interview* itself grew plump and sleek, its influence gave birth to such British style magazines as *The Face*, *i-D* and *Blitz*.

Then there was music. In many respects the Warhol gaze applied to this art form resulted in the most shocking product of all. He wanted a rock band and he found one in the Velvet Underground. John Cale, Lou Reed, Maureen Tucker and Sterling Morrison named themselves after a pornographic novel and proceeded to create exactly what Warhol would have wanted — a form of music that blended the aggression of rock with the extended, repetitive structures of the New York avant-garde composers.

As part of a multi-media circus called the Exploding Plastic Inevitable, they turned the volume up well beyond the pain threshold, joined by the poet Gerard Malanga, who lashed the audience with a large whip, and Nico, a blonde German model who sang eerie, distant songs about violence, drug addiction, sexual perversion and death. With the 17-minute song "Sister Ray", they created something even more defiantly alien than their master's soup cans.

Although the Velvet Underground found only a tiny cult audience during their late-Sixties heyday, in no field has the Warhol legacy been so widespread. A decade later, the punk revolution would have been inconceivable in style and content without the Velvet Underground, and now — 20 years after their debut — every sneering streetwise voice that makes it on to *Top of the Pops* springs from Lou Reed's pitiless urban drawl.

Warhol even made the Polaroid camera respectable. In the early Seventies he took to carrying one to all the many parties he attended. One click and another Warhol original was born.

If the scale of the legacy cannot be disputed, many will doubt its quality. It is admittedly a chilly bequest: at its core lies a rejection of all the warmer, simpler values we normally expect from art and artists. Yet it is impossible to ignore its potency. He invented a form, a style, a method, and he discovered new subjects to which he might apply them. Whatever we make of the results, the brilliance and acuity can hardly be questioned. And that does, in the end, produce the one human key that unlocks the art — by making you see the world anew, he produces the very human sensation of exhilaration.

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GALLERIES

An A-Z of the Prints and Drawings Collection
British Museum

Selections from a Gift
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The trouble with museums is that they hardly ever show the kind of thing that museums hardly ever show. Well within living memory, the cabinet-of-curiosities sort of museum still existed all over the country, bringing together disparate and bizarre elements in mysterious and surrealistic combinations guaranteed to fire the imagine and set the dullest minds exploring, even if the direct educational effects were not so immediately apparent. Now museums in general tend to be much too self-consciously grand and severely educational for that kind of nonsense, and it often seems that we are all the losers by it. Still, it is comforting to know that even an institution as monumental as the British Museum does still collect the oddment and oddity, even if we are seldom aware of it. It was a nice idea on someone's part to celebrate this side of its activities in the show disarmingly entitled **An A-Z of the Prints and Drawings Collection** (until May 25), which it is tempting to see as a natural history of museum nonsense.

The more practical side of the show is to mark the publication of *The Department of Prints and Drawings in the British Museum: User's Guide* (£10), which is in itself a rather strange compilation, going in for some pretty weird collocations of its own in its topic index, which lists alphabetically all the subjects which seem to deserve an entry of their own, mainly on account of the amounts of material related to the artist, collector or type of object (fans, street cries, Queen Victoria, Vale Press) which the department has, one way or another, acquired. The same is true of the show, which is unashamedly a gallimaufry of the very important by anyone's standards, the sublimely unimportant and a lot of unclassifiable in-betweens. It is, to begin with, an enormous lot of fun.

Fun at the British Museum, and why not?: Beatrix Potter's design for a *Flopsy Bunnies* story (1909)

Fun? Should anything at the BM actually be fun? When it is such elegant, civilized fun, I cannot see any reason why not. And though there is a pleasing quota of material with scarcely any redeeming feature whatever (would you want to own an early etching by Queen Victoria? — though you might think twice about a very pretty landscape by Louis XIV), there are also pieces of the highest artistic quality. We are reminded (thanks to the alphabetical arrangement) that the John Malcolm collection, purchased in 1895, brought us, among other things, some superb Watteau sketches, and that the George Salting Bequest included Rembrandts, Turners, Raphaels and 33 portrait drawings by the Clouets and their school. Elsewhere we come down with a salutary bump by having a real Palmer watercolour juxtaposed with a Tom Keating forgery, or pastiche in the style of. The Palmer *Cornfield by moonlight* is of course beautiful. But might we not think the Keating also beautiful if given the wrong cue?

There are architectural sketches by Wren himself, original watercolour illustrations by Beatrix Potter, wood-engravings by the likes of John Farleigh and impressive ephemera such as lithographic Christmas cards by Wanda Gag (for Weyhe in New York) and Barnett Freedman (for Faber in London — clearly publishers do themselves proud, or used to). Elsewhere we can explore the circus and the coffee-house, admire the spirited Victorian advertisements which demonstrate "The Sydenham Trousers in Every Attitude" (rather alarmingly without occupants) and thrill again to broadside ballads of the most ghoulish variety. And though these may just be fun to the average casual visitor, to the "user" envisaged by the guide each and every item can be intensely meaningful. How useful might it not be to know that the record books in which the Dalziels kept proofs of all their classic wood-engraved illustrations of the 1860s are now part of the department's collection, available to researchers when not actually sitting in a showcase for the pleasure of the public at large?

If a lot of these are not things we might normally expect to see on show in a major national museum, so are a little, intensely pleasing group of pictures which have cropped up without fanfare in Room 37 of the Tate Gallery, under the rather self-consciously (but correctly) modest title of **Selections from a Gift** (until April). Here it is not so much a matter of quality as one of size. The pictures, and several more not on display, were given anonymously to the gallery in 1983 in memory of Terence Rattigan — 42 of them in all. Almost all of them are very small, the major exceptions being William Johnstone's *Large Brush Drawing* of c. 1975-76, apparently the only abstraction, and Paul Maitland's *The Three Public Houses, Morning Sun Light*, which at 760 by 705 cm, is gigantic for this habitual miniaturist. Otherwise, as the catalogue notes, the pictures "were purchased for a private domestic setting and therefore share a sense of scale and intimacy counter to works bought specifically for a museum or gallery".

'Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis 'tis true. In Room 17 there is normally hanging a small group of small pictures, including some more Maitlands, but as a rule painters who work on such a domestic scale are generally left out in the cold. Perhaps it is good that some first-class works still remain outside the trawl of the major museum, leaving something for the private collector. But on the other hand it is so pleasant to see for once on show at the Tate works like Gerald Kelly's small, informal landscape panels (which often carry evocative inscriptions like "Etretat, from the first tee", and are in general preferable to his formal portraits and Burmese pieces). The only worry is, what will happen to them after April?

John Russell Taylor

Jazzy expressions of self-doubt

Igor Stravinsky: almost the last third of his composing career strangely overlooked

CONCERTS

LSO/ Rozhdestvensky
Barbican

By stopping at 1945 the London Symphony Orchestra's "Stravinsky Plus" series robbed itself of a good third of the composer's career; I cannot think why. After all, excellent and stimulating programmes could have been made with *Agon* surrounded by Carter and Stockhausen, for instance, or with the rare Variations alongside Babbitt and Birtwistle. Such concerts would also have helped counter the preponderance of earlier scores, which made this a much less novel perspective on Stravinsky than it could have been.

Nevertheless, this final evening had its own rationale. The choice of two works completed in the same year, the Symphony in Three Movements and the *Ebony Concerto*, drew attention to shared temporary features, including the importance of period jazz (in the symphony quite as much as in the Benny Goodman concerto) and the now unusually long stretches where an unchanging chord is nagged by an irritant rhythm. Shostakovich and Britten were useful companions, too. The *Peter Grimes* interludes have some of the same connections with big-band jazz, and Shostakovich's Ninth, though far more blatantly ironic than the three Stravinsky movements, seems to spring from similar doubts about the composition of symphonies.

The doubts on this occasion, though, were outweighed by those concerning performance. Gennadi Rozhdestvensky had his eye on the grand sweep or the large gesture at the expense of controlled detail, with the result that the circus comedy of the Shostakovich was given full attention but the strings were left to skid in some approximation to the rhythm at important points in the outer movements. The Britten pieces, too, were spooned out with little subtlety, their atmospheric greys over-coloured and the storm made all too violently passionate.

The Stravinsky symphony seemed to have been better prepared, and in the first two movements at least much of the intricate machinery was in place. But the contrapuntal episodes of the finale were muddy, and the brazen ending took the composer too much at his mischievous word in declaring this to be a victory symphony.

Paul Griffiths

Daniel Barenboim
Barbican

The excitement generated at the piano by Daniel Barenboim is a complex quality to analyse, but part of it undoubtedly stems from what one might call the "tightrope" factor. Barenboim's intensive conducting commitments must restrict his keyboard practice to a fraction of what a "full-time" pianist would spend preparing a Chopin recital such as this.

It says much for his astounding natural musicianship that technical defects were generally so well concealed. A few splashy chords at moments of characteristically high-flown passion are neither here nor there. More unfortunate was his habit of clamping hard on the sustaining pedal to blur the tougher chordal or octave rushes (which, admittedly, he usually hurtled through at breathless pace). Consequently, both the scherzo of the B flat minor Sonata, and the great *ostinato* passage of the A flat Polonaise, lacked crucial definition.

Curiously, though, such fudges do not impair Barenboim's interpretations. The full, ringing sound he cultivates is matched by a grandness of gesture: nothing suits him better than the abrupt switch from the sombre tread of the Sonata's "Marche funèbre" (done with a terrifying crescendo the last time round) to the limpid major-key interlude, which was caressed with the greatest delicacy. A similar delight in extremes marked his reading of the G minor Ballade, where the initial exposition of the themes — restrained and elegant — gave little hint of the ferocious assault he launched at the piece's climax.

His touch in Chopin's *cantabile* melodies occasionally seemed strident, but the filigree of the Berceuse in D flat found him at his most beguiling. Here, and in two pungently characterized Waltzes, his mature concept of rubato — economically applied but always emphasizing some significant harmonic turn — was superbly deployed.

Richard Morrison

RPO/Meyer-Schoellkopf
Festival Hall

A few weeks ago, in his revealing performance of the Sixth Symphony in this hall, Simon Rattle showed just how important it is to pay scrupulous attention to dynamic markings in Mahler. At the beginning of this reading of that composer's Fourth Symphony, given by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, which was being guided for the first time by the nevertheless experienced baton of the Swiss conductor Ulrich Meyer-Schoellkopf, it appeared that the lesson had not been noted.

Stresses were ignored, pianissimo and fortissimo dynamics emerged as mezzo-forte, crescendos and diminuendos simply did not happen. Thus for much of the first movement the predominant colour suggested (if one may for a moment resort to a Messiaen-like mode of expression) was dull battleship-grey.

Whether by virtue of Meyer-Schoellkopf's inspirational qualities or through their own realization that they were rapidly inducing an atmosphere of somnolence, the players thankfully stirred themselves in time for the movement not to be completely buried under a mound of complacency.

Barry Griffiths continued to enliven the reading with his suitably gaudy and sensitively supported account of the second movement's violin solo, the closest the piece comes to anything sinister or bizarre. And the slow movement was well detailed, its enveloping warmth and its finely controlled breadth stressing its function as the serene focal-point of the work. Lillian Watson, the soprano soloist in the *Wunderhorn* song that sums up the symphony as no grandiloquent finale could, combined poetic sensibility and childlike innocence in perfect measure.

Earlier, James Galway, doubtless the cause of the magnitude of the audience, was his usual mercurial self in Nielsen's Flute Concerto. All the same, it is difficult to praise without qualification playing whose gilt-edged sounds so stifled the music's honest-to-goodness character. More seriously, it was often above the pitch, unless, of course, the entire orchestra was flat.

Stephen Pettitt

Philharmonia/ Hughes
Festival Hall

Nobody listens to Tchaikovsky's B flat minor Piano Concerto except to be confirmed in what they already enjoy in it, unless there is somebody in the fortunate position of hearing it at a concert for the first time. For such a person Howard Shelley might have intended his performance with the Philharmonia Orchestra, spruce as it was, sharply honed at the edges, and for the most part gleamingly polished.

Owain Arwel Hughes conducted with an ear for its detail, not least in the possibly "wrong" note of the slow movement's first theme, to which William Mann drew such particular attention in his programme note. Not only did the conductor resist any temptation to make it conform, he put discreet emphasis on the later differences as if to stress its initial oddity, while the pianist gave character to each reprise.

In the outer movements Mr Shelley's playing was as if the release of a coiled spring from successive downbeats gave momentum to what followed. He brought a motivic energy to all the faster passages, but also poetic sensibility for phrasing and for the placing of pauses so as to point the musical character of the work's intentions, and thereby to give any new listener a dimension beyond emotional excitement.

The concerto was prefaced by the suite from Kodaly's *Háry János*, graphic in its orchestral extravagance of extra percussion and six trumpets, and followed by Dvořák's G major Symphony, No 8. Here a deceptively casual opening was belied by the expressive intensity the conductor brought to the slow movement, but in the finale he relied too much on holding back slow tempos, more even than Karajan, to make the contrasts seem bolder.

Noël Goodwin

● Mark Elder, music director of English National Opera, is additionally to take up a similar post with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra in the United States for a three-year period beginning in September 1989.

OPERA

Manon
Metropolitan, New York

Catherine Malfitano as Manon: more power than subtlety

Totemlike, the name of Bidu Sayão was invoked in the advance publicity for the Metropolitan Opera's new *Manon* — and, as it happened, right up to the moment of the performance. At the soprano's Met début 50 years ago, the company sprang a surprise on her, withholding until curtain-time the news that her Des Grieux, René Maison, had fallen ill and would be replaced by Sidney Rayner, whom she had not even met.

This was recounted from the stage at the opening of the new *Manon* by the Met's general manager, Bruce Crawford, as he announced a last-minute cast change: Neil Shicoff, the Des Griex, had fallen ill the day before and would be replaced by Denes Gulyás — who, though scheduled to make his début in the role in March, had himself been down with flu and had missed all the orchestral and stage rehearsals.

All this talk of legendary singers, of course, only throws present realities into sharper relief, and no legends were being made here. This is not to demean the contributions of game performers, but simply to be realistic about the calibre of stars the Met is able to summon for a major new production — its first *Manon* since 1966, and thus its first in the new house.

Catherine Malfitano, in a serviceable yet hardly gripping account of the title-role, produced more volume than finesse, tending to lose control in quiet or coloratura passages, and seemed to weary considerably as the evening wore on. Under the strained circumstances, Gulyás's vocal shortcomings can be fairly judged only to the extent that one has heard their like before: a covered tone, lacking freedom and ring, that grows pinched and loses all warmth in high or loud passages. For all that, he fared well in more subdued moments, and his "En fermant les yeux" was lovely. Ferrucio Furlanetto's Count des Grieux was memorable for its vocal solidity, Michel Sénéchal's Guillot for a winning characterization.

So most of the evening's musical interest lay elsewhere, in Manuel Rosenthal's canny conducting, which made up in sheer exuberance and vitality what it lacked in refinement, and even more in the replacement of spoken dialogue by sung recitatives. These were discovered only recently, handwritten by Massenet in a vocal score now owned by his great-granddaughter Anne Bessand-Massenet, who turned them over to the Met last year. That *Manon* can thrive without them is a matter of historical record, and yet, in what appears to have been their first performance, they proved very fetching and well conceived, lending a sense of seamless flow and inexorability even as individual performances flagged.

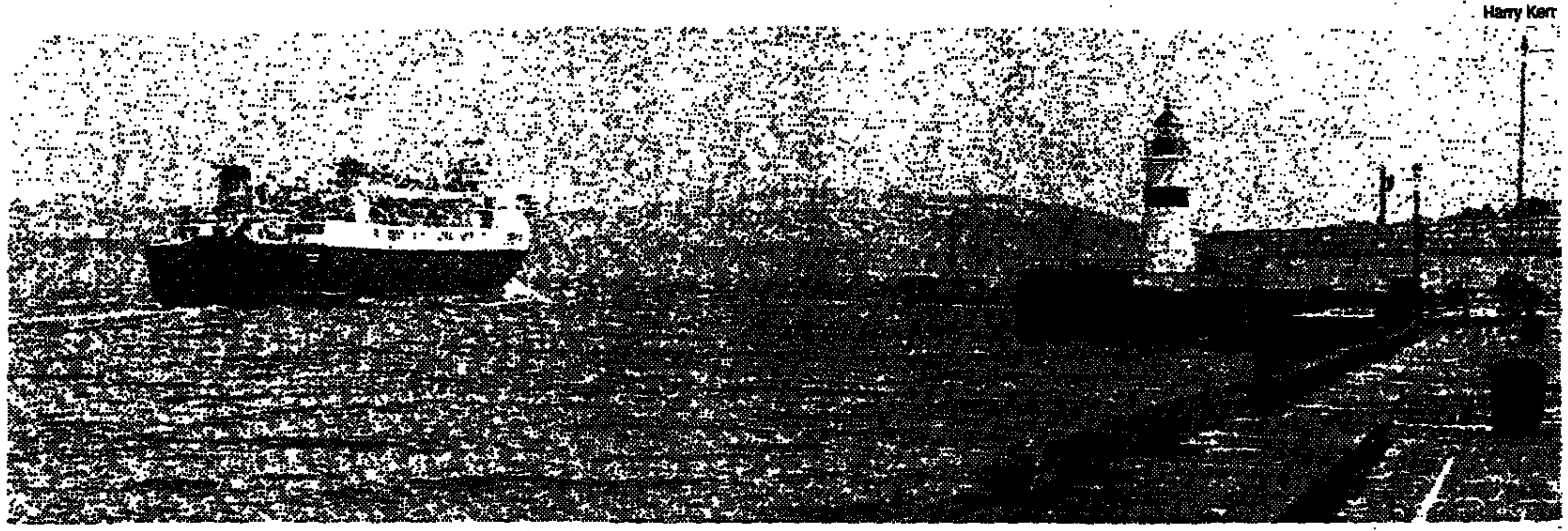
For the staging Jean-Pierre Ponnelle, director and designer of sets and costumes, adopted the manner currently in favour at the Met (with grandiose scale and farcical humour as necessary elements), concocting an ungainly mix of hyperrealism and stylization. His evocation of the Cours-la-Reine festivities was positively Zeffirellian in its wealth of distractions — tightrope walker, stilt-walker, juggler, tumblers, firecrackers, balloons, exotic dog, shadow play.

But this "realistic" scene was periodically frozen into tableaux vivants (a conceit also carried into the gaming scene) or acted in slow motion. However lavish, the scene at Amiens presented only shades of grey and seemed two-dimensional, all too clearly paint on cardboard. Ponnelle's curious preoccupation with earth tones — which also produced a Paris apartment seemingly decked out in green-brown military camouflage — finally gave way in the Hotel Transylvanie to bright white and blazing chandeliers, in a set showing four rooms on two levels in cross-section for a bizarrely acted scene. No overall conception was apparent, nor was there anything terribly original in detail.

James R. Oestreich

A SPECIAL REPORT
By Ronald Faux

Lift-off for the uncrowded island


Harry Kerr

There are three classes of newcomer to the Isle of Man, the Manx locals will wryly explain. There are the "come-overs", those who for whatever reason settle on the island from the mainland or abroad, the "stopovers", who are posted to Man by their companies and who decide when their tour of duty is over that the island is too good to leave, and there are the "when-Is", generally expatriates given to recalling times past as, for example, "when I was in Poona".

There is much solid evidence that the come-overs, stop-overs and when-Is are a growing band on the Isle of Man as the long-forecast improvement in the economy begins to happen and the Manx government makes a determined effort to attract more people to its lovely, uncrowded island.

Names internationally famous in banking, accountacy, shipping and insurance are appearing above offices in Douglas, capital of the island. The Manx register of shipping is growing to a size rivalling that of the UK, and work starts shortly on the island's freeport as inquiries pour in from all over the world.

With a reshaped ministerial form of government, the Isle of Man is determined to use its unique independence to lift the island from gentle stagnation to a new international stature.

For solidly established historical reasons the Isle of Man owes its allegiance to the English Crown and not to Parliament. Not a penny of the normal regional assistance crosses the Irish Sea and the island raises its revenues from local taxation.

With a population of 65,000 spread across 300 square miles of richly varied countryside, there is space to expand and a lack of pressure that allows a more relaxed pace of life.

Manx folk seem to regard the problems that afflict the mainland, only half an hour's flight away, as if they were problems of some third world.

"You won't get mugged here," I was promised. Cars may be "borrowed" but rarely stolen and removed from the island.

Birching and hanging remain on the statute book, but extreme official wrath is protected against by an appeal system extending to the Privy Council.

The island remains conservatively right of centre but largely free of party politics, although the last election did produce a five-strong Labour group in Tynwald.

The Manx parliament, which has celebrated its 1,000th anniversary and is surely the world's oldest, is traditionally a place for politicians of independent mind.

One member of the House of Keys, the lower house of Tynwald, told me: "We do not like being tied to a party line. It seems obvious to me that some questions will need an answer that might be seen as socialist, and others might call for a Conservative approach. It is best to have the option of either."

Income tax is set at 20 per cent regardless of the size of income. There is no tax on capital gains or transfers, property rates and prices are low compared with mainland levels, likewise the cost of taxing and insuring a car.

Indirect taxation mirrors the mainland although, as the Manx economy strengthens and the island looks to more persuasive ways of encouraging immigration, the arguments increase for ending the Common Purse agreement.

This treats the island as part of the UK for the purpose of tax collection and the imposition of customs and excise duties. A change could allow Man to fix its own levels of indirect tax and no longer follow the UK VAT lead.

An economy looking increasingly shipshape. A ferry enters Douglas harbour (above), part of growing trade links which please David Cannan, Minister for the Treasury, who says: "The thrust is towards greater reliance on market forces."

David Cannan, Minister for the Treasury, the equivalent of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said there was now growth and expansion in all aspects of the island's financial sector.

Mr Cannan said: "The thrust of economic policy is towards greater reliance on market forces and free enterprise rather than government support. But to ensure the highest standards of business integrity, we have various commissions staffed by experts in their particular fields and responsible to the government of the island."

The minister presides over a healthily balanced budget with no foreign debts and enough income to match all the social services to be found on the mainland.

The main objective for the Isle of Man in the immediate future will be to press for more growth in its financial and specialist sectors and build up the number of companies producing goods of high value and low bulk do not suffer a disadvantage from having an island base.

No tax on transfers

At the same time the Manx government will fight to preserve the quality of life on the island which, as much apart from its tax-haven advantage, makes it an attractive place to live in.

Pursuing growth and maintaining tranquillity is a fine line for the government to steer rather than an outright contradiction. Three of the four main earners on the island — finance, industry and agriculture — are in a healthy state and underpin Manx independence.

The Manx government is spending £5 million a year on changing the island's image as a holiday centre, although the present pattern still brings in hundreds of thousands of visitors to the famous TT motorcycle races, when a long circuit of silkily groomed road is sealed to all traffic except a snaking line of highly tuned motorcycles in aggressive competition.

The course is recognized as the most demanding of its kind in the world and keeps the broken bones department of the local hospitals busy.

The Isle of Man has no natural resources and has always been obliged to earn a living by attracting immigrants, whether they be short-term tourists armed with buckets and spades or longer-term specialists in venture capital and international trade.

Robert Quayle, Clerk of Tynwald, believed the island was now ahead of the Channel Islands in such areas as captive insurance and shipping. It was competing closely in the areas of trust management, general banking and offshore funds.

He had no fears that the UK government, which still holds the ultimate authority over Man, would want to alter that curious anachronism rising in a graceful line of field and fell from the Irish Sea.

He said: "The most important point is that our prosperity should not be achieved at the expense of the United Kingdom. Look at the amount poured into Northern Ireland or the Scottish offshore islands by Westminster.

"The fact is that we have a good economy, not thriving — the average income here is still below the UK average — yet we are self-supporting and it is in the UK interest to keep us that way.

"If there was not a place like the Isle of Man, a lot of offshore funds would find their way out of sterling and into the West Indies.

"We have stable government, we provide an easy springboard into Europe and have what other islands in our position lack: space to grow."

This fact does seem to have been thoroughly grasped by the financial community: At one time the island's financial services were almost entirely local; now the centre of Douglas holds seven branches of the UK clearing banks with 11 subsidiaries, three leading Irish banks, five foreign banks, six leading UK building societies (which at one time would not lend in the Isle of Man) and 49 authorized insurers, an impressive total for a population no bigger than an average market town.

All these operations are under strict licence from the Manx government and under the scrutiny of an appropriate commission

One of the latest to benefit is the Clerk of Tynwald himself, who is resigning to become the Isle of Man resident partner in Travers Smith and Braithwaite, the London solicitors who specialize in a range of activities, including mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and transactions undertaken by listed companies, and banks.

The London company is establishing a presence on the island because of the strengthening links between Man and the City of London. Mr Quayle is perfectly a sign of his island's times.

Policies delivered with the pinta

The idea of Mrs Thatcher walking up the garden path carrying a crate of milk bottles and whistling a merry tune may not seem so improbable to the citizens of Colby.

Their own milk man — or third reserve as Mr Miles Walker puts it — is chairman of the Manx Government's executive council and therefore, effectively, the island's prime minister.

A dairy farmer, aged 47, Mr Walker takes over the political leadership at an exacting time in the island's history. He was on the committee which designed the streamlined pattern for the Manx Government, replacing the 25 semi-autonomous boards which represented the nearest equivalent to British government ministries.

"There was a great deal wrong with the old system; individuals wearing far too many hats, members too involved in the administration because of the number of small committees, an overwhelming amount of paper work, trying to keep up with different committees and the difficulty of actually pinning responsibility for anything on anyone.

POLITICS

"Now", Mr Walker said with a presidential grin, "the buck stops here."

It was after the island's last election in November that the major reforms were introduced and the 25 autonomous boards replaced by nine government departments, each with its own minister.

Under the new system Mr Walker was able to choose who would head the government departments. The belief was that this would allow a more cohesive political approach to the important changes which the island faced as it moved further on to the international stage.

Tynwald, however, is a tiny parliament with only 24 members of the House of Keys and eight members of the Upper House. Once the ministerial Cabinet of like minds was appointed, its members dominated one-third of the entire assembly, opening a possibility of theisland's first formal Opposition.

Mr Walker is optimistic about the way the new style of government is operating after only two and a half months, although the new masters have yet to hold their first policy debate or present a budget.

"The needs of this community are such that I would not like to have to identify myself to one political view, and realistically, in the Isle of Man you won't survive if you take one view alone.

"This means consensus politics, which very often leads to the lowest common denominator."

Often the debates in the House of Keys reflect in microcosm the debates at Westminster. Recently they passed legislation against drug dealers and against insider dealing, two measures that will add four sergeants, 20 police officers, six cadets and four typists to the Manx police force — an increase of one-third on the total strength.

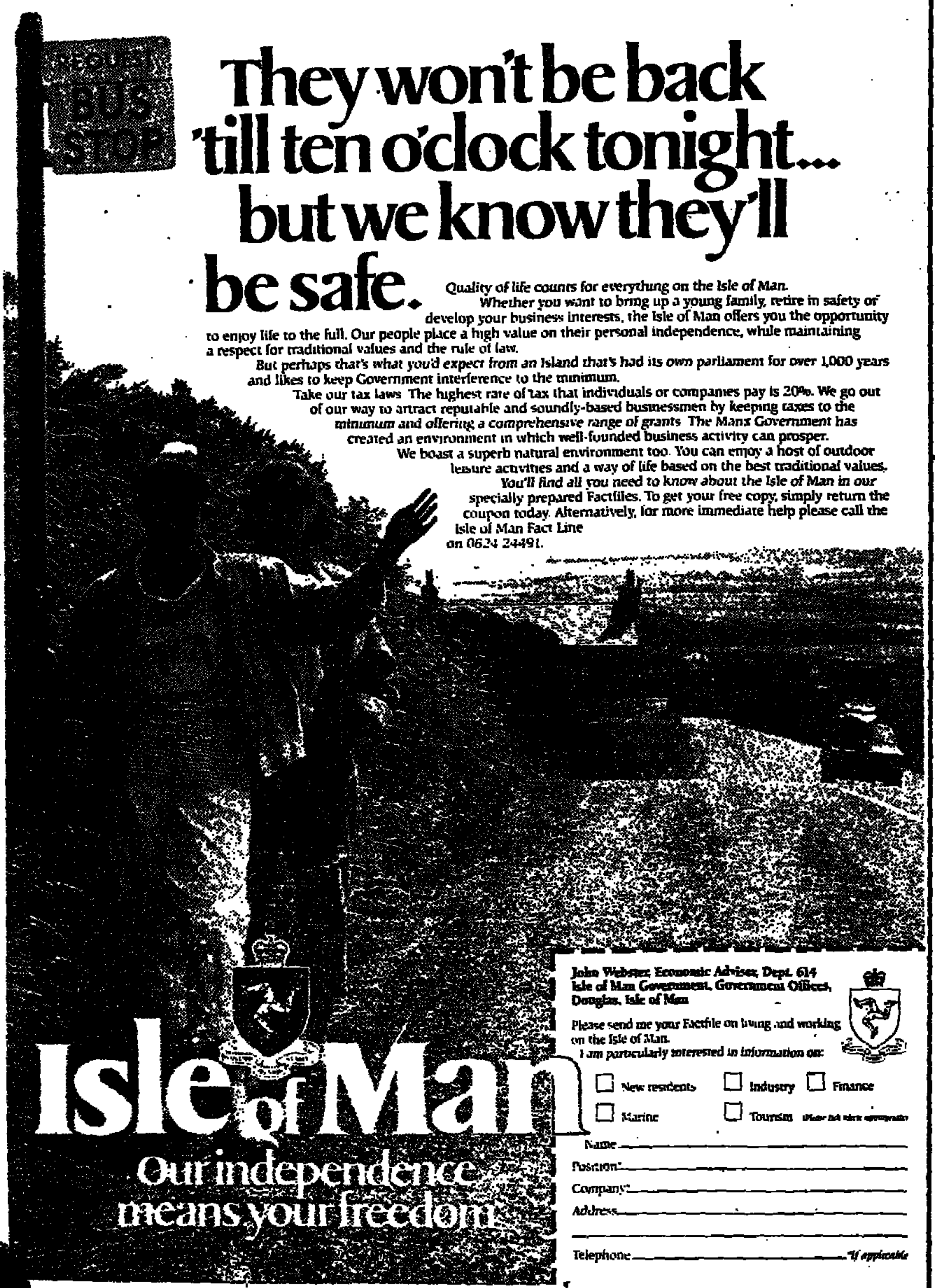
Mr Walker thought it sensible to head for self-sufficiency but economies of scale made this difficult and 10,000 more people on the island could easily be absorbed and make the economy more cost-effective.

The tax advantages had already attracted an impressive number of wealthy folk and the island does prefer "economically active generators."

It was no longer unusual to see a Rolls - Royce whispering along the island's winding lanes. Incomes were improving, the unemployment rate fluctuated but was still below that on the mainland, and wages had risen steadily since 1976.

The island's fishing fleet had built up from nothing in the 1960s to more than 60 boats, and with a healthy farming industry, manufacturing that provided some 3,500 jobs and the "invisibles" of insurance, banking and a merchant fleet spread around the world, the grounding was there for a prosperous future.

In the meantime would I excuse the island's first political person? "I have a problem," he said with no hint of pirme ministerial pomp "I have my cows to milk".



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A Manx Airways stewardess silhouetted against a Short 360 aircraft on the Liverpool run

Capturing the new Vikings

TOURISM

Hospitality to visitors. has always had a high priority on the Isle of Man.

The long, elegant rows of terraces that front the seashore were built to accommodate Victorian holiday makers and the islanders even erected a substantial Tower of Refuge on an awkward outcrop of rock in Douglas Bay, against which sailing vessels were apt to dash themselves in bad weather. Any sailor who managed to struggle on to the rock was sure of food and shelter.

But modern standards of accommodation have caught the island short in its appeal to the package tour market — which has largely replaced the traditional seaside holiday, although tourism remains vital to the Manx economy and last year earned £25.1 million.

Mr Terry Toohey, chief executive of the Isle of Man Tourist Board, pointed to a world-wide pattern of shorter holidays, of weekend breaks or midweek breaks and a preference among holiday makers for warm sunshine. "In Victorian times Douglas was without equal and in the summer months of 1913, 640,000 people stayed here. Last year it was exactly half that. Habits have changed, unemployment has not helped the trend and the competition from abroad is enormous with cheap air travel,"Mr Toohey said.

The island has fought back by granting generous allowances to up-grade tourist accommodation to satisfy a market that expects high standards. There are several hotels offering an exceptionally high standard of comfort and service, and where they are provided the customers appear.

What the financial and manufacturing sectors have achieved on the island has given a lead and tourism is rather riding on their coat tails. " The fact remains that within two hours flying time from Ronaldsway there are 225 million people. Our top priority is to make them aware of the scenic charm and the tranquility of this island," he added.

The first target has been the Continental market and last season one operator alone despatched 4,500 German tourists to the island. The same operator expects to increase this to more than 15,000 visitors this year. The board intends a promotion in the United States and Australia, and trading on the island's Viking heritage, will try to tap the Scandinavian market.

But the trend will be distinctly up-market. Although the traditional small hotels still represent the largest sector for tourism, they are also in the fastest decline. But with hotel tariffs markedly cheaper than at mainland resorts, which have to carry bigger overheads, the difference helps to make up the transport costs of reaching the island — if this alone is not looked on as an exciting part of the holiday.

The other area for tourism which the authority intends vigorously to exploit is the conference and convention market, particularly in the corporate sector, following the calculation that delegates spend on average two and a half times as much than the normal holiday maker.

The Isle of Man has good facilities for conferences and offers a three-day conference package starting from Heathrow airport and including travel, hotel, meals, use of conference room and equipment for £206. A similar package in the Channel Islands, the Manx tourist authorities says with some satisfaction, costs £440.

Low taxes and a quiet life

"Our message is absolutely clear. The show is on the road. What we offer are financial incentives that are without equal, good communications with the rest of the world, stability, law and order and a quality of life that is undefinable."

So said Mr David Cannan, Minister for the Treasury, summing up where the Isle of Man now stands in its bid to secure prosperity for a community without natural resources but soundly enclosed in the middle of the Irish Sea.

Some Manxmen question the policy of expansion on which the Government is embarked, saying that it could lead to a precarious independence and isolation from the traditional ties with the UK.

Others argue that fiscal independence would be good for the island, allowing a tax structure better shaped to the island's priorities with, for example, some relief for the financial sector, which now pays a straight 15 per cent VAT rate because Man shares a common customs area with the UK. The tourist industry, possibly the most vulnerable at present, might benefit from offering duty-free drink and tobacco, but the industrialists attracted to the island by the free and ready access to British and European markets might resent any layer of bureaucracy imposed by a customs service on either side of the Irish Sea.

The elections in November, which so radically reshaped the government, do not so far appear to have led to any stronger calls for independence and the Manx Parliament has given much higher priority to the practical business of increasing the population of the island by about 10,000 residents.

NEW RESIDENTS

This would give the optimum size to make the services cost-effective and achieve a population density still six times less than that of the Channel Islands.

Government policy is designed to encourage those who will integrate well into Manx society and contribute to the island's well being. Research has shown that new residents are strongly attracted by a quieter life style, low taxation, low crime rate and an absence of party politics.

But there have been serious ripples on the water, in particular the collapse in 1982 of the Savings and Investment Bank (SIB) at a cost of £42.2 million to its 4,000 depositors.

The repercussions still linger, with legal action pending against the Government by the depositors for allegedly failing to supervise the banking system. What ever the outcome, the SIB collapse has had a distinctly cathartic effect on the island's administration and prompted the changes that were more than a damage limitation exercise, to protect Man's reputation as an international centre for finance, banking and insurance.

Mr Jim Noakes, a former Bank of England official, was appointed banking inspector to ensure that the 1975 Banking Act was rigorously applied. Finance, insurance and the Marine Register all have supervisors responsible to the Government for ensuring strict regulation.

Mr John Webster, economic adviser to the Government, explained:"We went overboard on ensuring quality and reputation. The SIB collapse really did concentrate a lot of minds, so in one sense some good came out of it. Since then we have been very successful at attracting new residents."

He produced the morning's mail, a thick pile of letters demanding to know more about what the island and its Freeport had to offer. They were arriving at a rate of around 200 a month. The postmarks included Lichtenstein, Guernsey, Cheshire, South Africa, Scotland, Berkshire, Libya and the United States. Usually about one quarter of the inquiries come from abroad.

Mr Webster said there were plenty of signs that things were improving. House prices were starting to harden, the construction industry was fully committed. The immediate objective must be to make the growth we have achieved sustainable and based on quality business.

"We do need more industry to absorb the 2,000 or so unemployed, many of whom could not expect to find work in the new financial sector.

With the aim of widening the international base of Man's industry and commerce, a Manx delegation is to visit New York and Boston in the near future, which the Government at home is being pressed to ensure that the labour force has the skills the island requires.

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PRESS FOR ACTION

Grants galore as the island goes after more business

The Isle of Man Department of Industry claims to administer one of the most generous grant and loan packages in the western world, and despite the island's image as a rural holiday resort, anchored in the Irish Sea, or a centre for "invisible" earnings, it is industry that provides most jobs and the biggest growth.

Steven Beevers, executive officer in the department, pointed out that Manx industry earned £31.3 million last year, a growth rate of nearly 15 per cent over the previous year.

The financial sector may have earned more (£39.8 million) but its growth over the year had been under 2 per cent.

Industry provides 3,500 jobs on the island and the help that incoming firms can receive from the government include capital grants of 40 per cent of new building costs, improvements and new plant and machinery; 40 per cent of non-recurring commissioning and running-in costs, including transfer of equipment and key personnel; and half approved training scheme costs.

The Manx government will allow 50 per cent loans, repayment deferred for two years for working capital requirements; rent reduction schemes; capital allowances and grants towards marketing costs and consultants' advice.

There are discretionary alternatives to projects which the department considers highly desirable, and 100 per cent allowances against investment in capital equipment in the first year's operation. This concession no longer applies in the United Kingdom.

"We have seen an average of one new company opening on the island every month for the last two years, often small businesses but with great potential for growth and with their headquarters centred here.

"Frankly, we would have problems in providing the right labour for a company seeking several hundred workers at short notice," Mr Beevers admitted.

The Isle of Man has 200 manufacturing companies, the largest employing 700, making ejector seat sub-assemblies for military aircraft.

It is government policy to encourage firms making high value, low bulk goods and the industry department is apt to approach directly those companies it believes would benefit most from opening up on the island.

There is also a bid being made for certain American companies, attracted by the combination of an offshore financial centre close to Europe with good communications, both physical and electronic.

There was a furore recently over the 20-acre Freeport development, which is underway close to Ronaldsway airport and claimed to be the only Freeport in the world combining easy access to Europe with the financial advantages of an offshore centre.

INDUSTRY

The trouble happened when it was reported that the Manx authorities had been holding talks with the South African government representatives over setting up a re-labelling operation, allowing disguised South African goods to be marketed in Europe.

The government has strongly denied this, explaining that the only contact with South African officials was in 1985, through the Industrial Development Corporation, a trading company linked to the South African Government

A statement by the Chief Minister insisted the island's government did not support apartheid in any way and would under no circumstances enter into arrangements that would enable British trade sanctions to be avoided. At that point the storm returned to its tea cup.

The Freeport is expected to extend even further the growth of the Manx industrial sector, with its strong base of precision light engineering, electronics, plastics and textiles

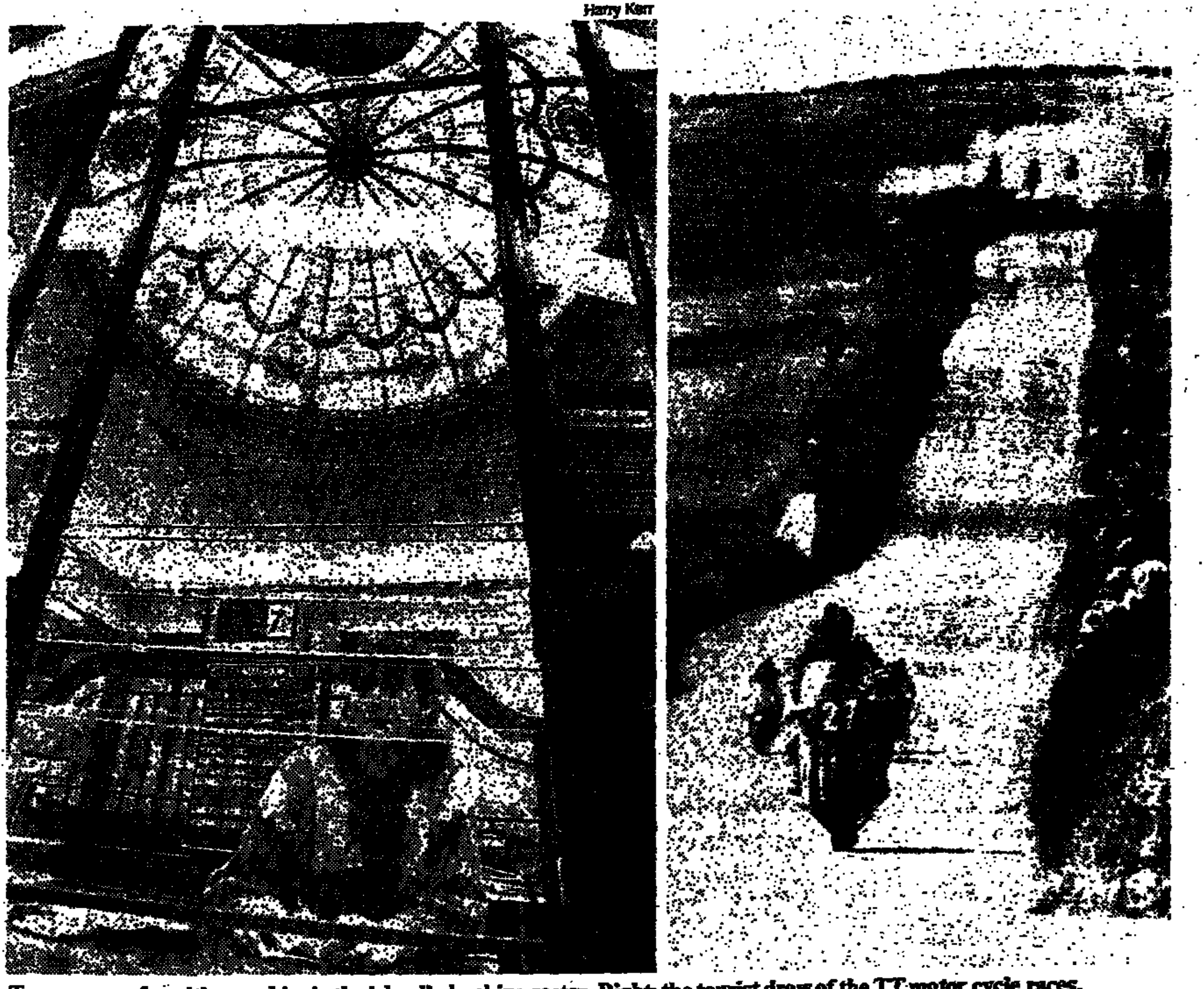
The aim will be to make the base broad enough to withstand outside market influences and to encourage success.

Mr Beevers pointed out that under the financial incentive scheme, companies that had already received help but had further expansion plans that would generate more jobs, may return for a second bite at the cherry.

No one arriving on the island faces any restrictions on living there but anyone seeking work or who intends to set up in self-employment must apply for a work permit.

The system gives the government a degree of discretion over who is allowed in and helps ensure that jobs that could be taken by local unemployed are not taken by newcomers.

Harry Kerr



Two sources of wealth: a cashier in the island's banking sector. Right: the tourist draw of the TT motor cycle races.

Keeping ships under the red ensign

SHIPPING

Five million tonnes of merchant shipping will have been accepted on to the Isle of Man register this year as major shipping lines and operators accept the advantages of an offshore agreement.

The island's Marine Administration insists that it is not operating a flag of convenience, a view supported by the major seafarers' unions. But for shipping companies, hard-pressed by stiff competition and high fuel and labour costs, it is a convenient flag to fly.

The 23 vessels of the Shell fleet, including tankers, liquid petroleum gas carriers and bulk carriers, are being transferred to the island, representing in one move a quarter of the entire British merchant fleet.

A Shell ship management company has been set up on the island to handle the vessels and first reports suggest that the move has saved the company about £14 million.

According to Stuart Houghton, principal marine surveyor, the savings will prove to be more than merely financial. The move ensures the vessels remain under the Red Ensign and that the jobs onboard are not lost to British seafarers.

An offshore manning agreement makes the crew individually responsible for paying tax and arranging pensions. It also obliges the owners to open an office in the island, and so far more than 100 jobs have been generated through the marine registration operations and the business is growing much faster than expected.

Mr Houghton explained that the Manx Register of Shipping had been in existence since 1786 but only recently was it extended to all the major international maritime conventions, giving the island the same merchant shipping authority as Britain.

For ship owners and managers the benefits come from low direct taxation at 20 pence in the pound with no other direct demands on companies.

Companies that own, manage or charter ships and set up on the island can either take advantage of the Income Tax (Exempt Companies) Act, which may apply to earnings outside the island, or they can elect to pay income tax in the normal way and take advantage of the capital allowances available. The Manx Government has not followed the British lead in severely reducing capital allowances.

These attractions have generated a high degree of interest from ship operators, and among the vessels that have tied up to the Manx register are the 23-strong fleet of Rowbotham Tankships.

Profits take to the air

AIR/SEA LINKS

For an island with the business and commercial links that are being developed in the Isle of Man, regular and reliable communications by sea and air with the mainland are absolutely essential.

Keeping pace with the economic build-up, Manx Airlines has shown a steady annual growth of around 20 per cent and has plans to add an 85-seater DC-9 jet airliner to its fleet of turbo-prop aircraft later this year.

This will provide three direct return flights a day from the island to London Heathrow and the company expects that the annual load will build up to 75,000 passengers a year and has guaranteed to peg fare increases to 3 per cent, around 2 per cent below the average for the airline industry.

Manx Airlines, a subsidiary of British Midland, carried 350,000 passengers last year on its expanded network of year-round services between the island and Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester and London.

In summer services are added to Edinburgh, Newcastle, Leeds and Birmingham and from Liverpool to London; Blackpool to Dublin, Liverpool and Belfast. A summer service also runs from Ronaldsway to Blackpool and on to Jersey.

Load factors of more than 60 per cent have been regularly achieved on the main routes and the company seems set for a £2 million profit this year, an impressive turnround in the four and a half years since the company took over the loss-making service, begun by British Airways and acquired by the Manx parent company.

The airline operates three wide-bodied Short commuter aircraft, a Saab-340 33-seat turbo-prop and a handsomely refurbished Viscount.

The quaintly-named Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, which runs the daily service to the mainland, expects to record a small profit from this year's operations.

The company, which carries half a million passengers a year, merged in April 1985 with Manx Line Ltd, a subsidiary of Sealink. The net result of the controversial deal was that Sealink acquired 40 per cent of the newly-merged company, which switched its operations from Liverpool, where it faced heavy docks charges, to the Lancashire port of Heysham.

The company reports that freight from the island is growing at about 15 per cent a year and that it expects better results next season, using its three vessels, the roll-on, roll-off ferry *Tynwald* (now in dock at Birkenhead being refurbished) and the side-loading *Lady of Man* and *Mona's Queen*.

Even gazumping now

Property prices, the most sensitive of economic barometers, are improving on the Isle of Man

After five years of burgeoning property lists and static prices, the market last year began to strengthen. As inquiries increased, particularly in the upper-price bracket, estate agents were even startled to hear of buyers being gazumped, a rare event in the Manx market.

The improvement has been sustained enough for some leading estate agents to forecast rises in certain sections of the market in the coming year of between 10 and 20 per cent.

By contrast the average house price rose last year by only 7 per cent, the first substantial increase for years, according to Keith Kerruish, senior partner of Chrystals. "That sort of return would not have property owners in the South-East of England doing hand springs with delight, but it has been relatively good news here," he said.

The rise was led by the market for detached houses, in particular the larger country houses. The demand for period houses also exceeded supply and spread to the more modern properties that offered space in an attractive situation.

Last year the property averages were: bungalows £43,600 (up 2.5 per cent); detached £57,800 (up 12 per cent); semi-detached £27,500 (up 5 per cent); and terraced £18,000 (up 6 per cent).

Several important properties have sold on the island in recent months including Richard Adams' former house Knocksharry.

PROPERTY

Demand has spread from the already buoyant centre and south of the island around Douglas and Castletown to the districts in the north and west.

Small country houses and cottages are in short supply and modern estate properties continue to offer good value — particularly when asking prices are compared with construction costs.

First-time buyers were not discouraged by the high mortgage rate earlier in the year and sales continue in this sector despite a return to higher rates. Chrystals say this is because wages had risen faster than property prices and that homes for first-time buyers were relatively cheaper than they were five years ago.

Town houses and terraced houses had both sold well and agricultural land had not suffered to the same extent as in other areas of Britain and, with a good house and outbuildings, could be expected to fetch a good price.

There was no one cause for the improvement. Many believed it was caused by pre-election nerves in the United Kingdom, although Chrystals preferred to consider that any election would be be overshadowed by increased confidence in the future of the island as a financial centre.

Financial advisers in the south of England who were directing clients to the Channel Islands needed to be educated about the attractions of the Isle of Man. This was made easier by the overcrowding in the Channel Islands and the reluctance of the authorities to allow new businesses.

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North Sea oil prices tumble

North Sea oil prices yesterday tumbled to their lowest level this year after a meeting of Gulf oil producers failed to support market hopes for further curbs on Opec output. The price of Brent, the most widely-traded North Sea crude, fell 40 cents to $16.85 a barrel for delivery in April.

Oil ministers from the six Gulf states – including Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates – which make up the Gulf Cooperation Council agreed at the weekend to present a united front against customers who try to force Gulf producers to sell at below official Opec prices. The GCC states said that if one state was unable to sell its oil, the others would market the unsold crude on its behalf.

Jennifer d'Abo quits board

Mrs Jennifer d'Abo last night left the board of Stormguard, the "shell" company she used to bid for Selincourt, the Jacqmar women's clothing firm, in a hard fought battle in 1985.

The Stormguard board said that Mrs d'Abo had resigned "as a result of disagreement with the board over the company's future policy." Lord Lever, the chairman, refused to comment on her sudden departure.

Vickers ahead

More than 3,000 engineering changes incorporated in the Rolls-Royce range of motor cars last year, slowed the growth of its parent, Vickers, but it still produced record pretax profits of £54.0 million, up 20 per cent from sales which were 13 per cent ahead at £691 million. The dividend is raised from 13p to 15p, with a final of 9p, and shareholders are to receive a bonus issue of shares in a reconstruction of the company's capital.

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Barbour debut

Barbour Index, which provides specialized information to the construction industry, is coming to the stock market with a £17.5 million price tag. Just over 11 per cent of the shares are being placed at a price of 215p.

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S&N sale

Smith & Nephew, the health and household products group, has sold its US subsidiary, Smith & Nephew Anchor for up to $55 million in a management buy-out. S&N will receive $35 million in cash, a $5 million 15 per cent loan note and $10 million of 9.3 per cent redeemable stock in Anchor. Anchor was purchased in 1979 for $18 million. The deal is subject to approval by shareholders on March 11.

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Nikkei Dow	19940.50 (–139.89)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2879.01 (+51.61)
Amsterdam: Gen	263.7 (–0.2)
Sydney: AO	1605.9 (+0.4)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1724.2 (–23.0)
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Paris: CAC	421.1 (+1.40)
Zurich: SKA Gen	527.00 (–7.90)
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No pressure for base rate change

Parisian boost for the pound

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound was the main beneficiary of the Paris agreement by the major countries to stabilize currencies. There was no pressure on the new agreement.

But the money markets accepted the Bank of England's signal last week that the time was not ripe for an early reduction in base rates. Interest rates on the money markets edged up slightly.

The initial response of the foreign exchange markets to the weekend talks will have come as a considerable relief to the ministers and central bankers of the six countries who attended the talks.

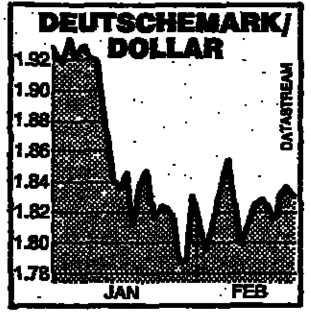
Dealers said that the warning of large scale central bank intervention to support the present pattern of exchange rates, which was given particular emphasis by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, has effectively headed off early pressure on the dollar.

However, dealers said that the dollar's failure to rally in response to the deal suggests that downward pressure on the US currency could resume in the coming weeks.

The dollar traded for most of the day around the DM1.82 level. There was some nervousness in Europe as the New York markets opened – the US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, appeared to have taken a lower key attitude to the Paris agreement than other finance ministers. But in the event, the dollar ended the day in London showing a gain of 0.3 pfennigs to DM1.83. Later in New York it ws quoted at DM1.8320.

Against the Japanese yen, the dollar was unchanged at Y153.50. Dealers said that there was no new information in the weekend agreement to affect the yen-dollar exchange rate.

The pound rose against all currencies, helped by the differential between British and other world interest rates. The pound was unaffected by a fall in oil prices. Brent crude for April delivery fell by 40 cents to $16.85 a barrel.



Against the dollar, the pound rose by 1.25 cents to $1.5420. It also rose strongly above the DM2.80 level, closing three pfennigs up at DM2.8214. The sterling index recorded a 0.6 point gain, closing at 69.7.

Despite the pound's strong showing, which was helped by an encouraging Confederation of British Industry survey and a Conservative lead in weekend opinion polls, there was no pressure in the money markets for an early base rate cut.

Money market interest rates rose by 1/16 or ⅛ points, in response to Bank of England signals last week and suggestions from the Chancellor over the weekend that the agreement of the six countries in Paris had no implication for British base rates.

The next source of pressure on the dollar may come with the US trade figures.

Geeing up the Italians

By Our Economics Correspondent

The currency of international economic diplomacy is not dollars, marks or yen. It is the all-powerful G. Hence Italy's umbrage at being excluded from the strongest of the Gs.

The Italian delegation to Paris last weekend, under firm instructions from Rome not to accept any nonsense from the other countries, quit when it became known that the Group of Five, G5 (the US, Britain, Germany, Japan and France) had met for dinner on Saturday evening.

Italy, which regards itself as at least comparable in economic weight to Britain, thought the G5 had effectively been made redundant at the Tokyo summit last year, to be replaced by the G7 (G5 plus Canada and Italy).

The members of the G5 have taken the view that, in international currency terms, the Italian lira and Canadian dollar are relatively insignificant. So, Italy did not come to dinner.

There are many different groups performing on the international economic stage. At the top is the Group of Five. The G5 started in 1972/73 – nobody is prepared to say exactly when – as a sort of Masonic lodge of the international financial system. The members were those countries whose currencies comprised the International Monetary Fund's "paper gold," the Special Drawing Right.

Its task was to take the leadership role in the international financial system, following the collapse of the Bretton Woods fixed exchange rate regime.

The G5's triumph came in September 1985, when the dollar, at a heady peak against all currencies, was given a helpful shove down. Last weekend's meeting was a belated attempt to erect a safety net.

There is no official *G6*, unless Italy decides to exclude itself permanently

The Gs do not end here. There is the Group of 10 industrial countries, which has been running since 1962 and is usually given the task of examining complex proposals for international monetary reform. It has 11 members.

There is the G24, a grouping of the leading developing countries, and a G77, which comprises all the developing countries – and has more than 100 members.

EFT plans radical changes

By John Bell, City Editor

Edinburgh Financial Trust is planning radical changes following a year of poor investment performance leading to a sharp cut in the final dividend. The changes will lead to the loss of EFT's investment trust status.

If plans to be put before shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting on March 16 are approved, the group will concentrate its future activities into investment banking, fund management, asset finance and associated investments in life assurance and stockbroking.

The changes are likely to be opposed by Waverley Investment Management, which controls 21 per cent of EFT directly and with others.

Lord Sanderson of Bowen, the chairman of EFT, told shareholders that over the year to last December, asset value per share had fallen by 16 per cent.

The trust's revenue dropped from £636,000 to £46,500 mainly due to a sharp fall in dealing profits, so only a nominal dividend of 0.1p per share would be paid.

Apology

In our article "DTI confirms Burton inquiry" (February 21) we stated that solicitors acting for Mr Gerald Ronson had written to the DTI inspectors, investigating the Guinness affair, clarifying his role in the Debenhams takeover. We also stated that "unbeknown to the inspectors a copy of the letter was sent by Mr Ronson's solicitor, Lord Mishcon, of Victor Mishcon & Co., to Sir Ralph Halpern, chairman of the Burton Group. This is not apparent from the letter sent to the inspectors."

We have been told, and accept, that contrary to what we said the inspectors were immediately and correctly informed that a copy of the letter to them had gone to Sir Ralph and they were therefore fully informed of the correspondence. We unreservedly apologize to Lord Mishcon and his firm.

'Misdirected R&D reduces benefits'

Britain's research and development effort is misdirected and fails to bring benefits for the economy comparable with other countries, according to a report published today.

The problem, says *Wealth Creation and Jobs*, published by the Public Policy Centre, is that a large proportion – nearly half – of R&D is spent on defence, with less than 10 per cent of government R&D devoted to industry.

The easy solution would be to spend more on all R&D, says the report. But given the pressure on public spending, a more logical approach would be to divert some R&D from defence to industry.

The report also calls for more effort to be devoted to diffusing known technology and an active campaign to import foreign technology where Britain has not kept up with best international practice.

The R&D proposals are part of a detailed industrial strategy which, according to simulations carried out on the London Business School model, could create more than a million new jobs

The general conclusion of the report is that Britain's lack of industrial success arises, not from a lack of resources, but from a misapplication of resources in education, training and investment.

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The Tan Sri Khoo financial tangle

Americans plan rescue

By Ray Heath

A scheme to rescue Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, the hotelier and financier, from the tangle that surrounds the closing of the National Bank of Brunei will run into stiff opposition in Singapore this week.

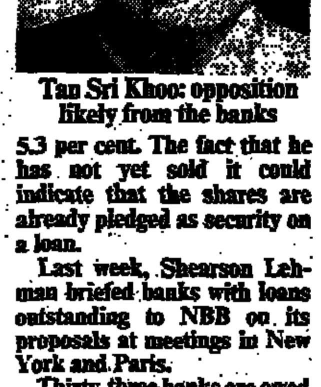
Shearson Lehman, the US securities house, has devised a package which will involve placing Tan Sri Khoo's assets into an escrow account in Singapore.

These would then be used to repay some of NBB's outstanding loans, believed to total around Brunei$1 billion (£320 million), 90 per cent of which were made to Khoo-controlled companies.

It is not yet clear whether Tan Sri Khoo's 6.8 per cent stake in Standard Chartered Bank, now worth £73 million, would be included.

The circumstances in which Tan Sri Khoo built up his stake in Standard Chartered and which was used to help fend off Lloyds Bank's bid for the company last July is now being investigated by the Bank of England at Standard's request.

Tan Sri Khoo quickly sold his holding in British and Commonwealth, which he received when it bought Exco, after the seizure of NBB in November. However, shortly after he increased his holding in Standard Chartered from 5.3 per cent. The fact that he has not yet sold it could indicate that the shares are already pledged as security on a loan.



Tan Sri Khoo: opposition likely from the banks

Last week, Shearson Lehman briefed banks with loans outstanding to NBB on its proposals at meetings in New York and Paris.

Thirty-three banks are owed US$210 million (£137.25 million) by the NBB, which was 70 per cent controlled by Tan Sri Khoo.

This week, executives of the bank's branches in Singapore who have the responsibility for resolving the multi-million dollar muddle are due to meet Shearson Lehman – and are likely to express strong opposition to the scheme.

"What Shearson Lehman says will happen and what will actually happen are two different things," said one creditor banker.

Shearson will argue that its scheme is the only possible way to an orderly repayment of the debts and it must be supported by all banks involved if it is to be approved by the Brunei authorities.

The alternative would be a "fire sale" of Tan Sri Khoo's assets. His financial empire stretches throughout Asia and into Europe and embraces hotel and property companies including the South Pacific Hotel Corporation, the largest hotel chain in Australia. Any forced sale, Shearman Lehman argues, would mean accepting prices for these assets well below their real value.

The Singapore-based bankers are expected to object to having their loans secured on Tan Sri Khoo's assets for an indefinite period.

"If we had wanted to lend to Tan Sri Khoo we would have done so," said one banker. "This is not on."

The Singapore bankers were said to be "not exactly thrilled" that Tan Sri Khoo appeared only at the meeting in New York last week. He read out a prepared statement assuring the banks that he would not default on his loans.

News Corp profits jump 40%

By Carol Ferguson

News Corporation, the world's largest communications group, controlled by Mr Rupert Murdoch, announced interim turnover up 55 per cent to Aus$2.6 billion (£1.13 billion) and profits after tax up 40 per cent to Aus$252 million for the six months to December 31.

News International, the group's British subsidiary, also reported its half-year results. The reduced cost base of the four national newspapers after the move to Wapping allowed pretax profits to rise by 28 per cent to £44 million on turnover up 6 per cent to £285 million.

The total British result was up 73 per cent in Australian dollar terms, due to a much improved second quarter's trading and weakness of the Australian dollar. Cost savings from the printing facility at Wapping continued to influence the profit improvements for *The Times*, *Sunday Times*, *Sun*, and *News of the World*.

The statement accompanying the results said the settlement this month of the industrial dispute at the Wapping plant would enable the company to reduce delivery and security costs further and allow faster completion of the expanded production and administration facilities at Wapping.

The acquisition of the Herald and Weekly Times, the Australian media group, has not yet been finalized. The complex deal will involve the disposal of some of News Corporation's Australian television stations. Consequently, the group has decided to withdraw from Australian broadcasting.

The H&WT acquisition is being made for shares, which will result in some dilution of Mr Murdoch's 49 per cent holding in News Corporation, but not to the extent that he will lose control of the group.

Group profit for the half year attributable to the ordinary shareholders after tax and extraordinary items was Aus$190 million, compared with Aus$136 million last year.

The increase in turnover and profits includes contributions from the Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, which became a subsidiary in December 1985, and from Fox Television Stations, acquired in March 1986.

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Geoffrey Collier at Wimbledon yesterday

Collier on new charges

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr Geoffrey Collier, formerly a director of Morgan Grenfell Securities, was yesterday committed by Wimbledon magistrates for trial at the Old Bailey on six charges of insider dealing.

Three of the charges allege that in November last year Mr Collier illegally used inside information gained from his position as a director of Morgan Grenfell Securities to buy shares in AE.

The other charges relate to a deal in the shares of Cadbury-Schweppes. It is alleged that in both deals Mr Collier, aged 35, of Oldbury Place, Ightham, Kent "counselled and procured" Mr Michael Cassel to deal in the shares, that he communicated privileged information to Mr Cassel and that he used the information for his own benefit.

The case could take many months to come before the Old Bailey. Mr Collier was granted £20,000 bail.

Scots pressure Guinness over HQ pledge

Directors of the brewing and leisure group Guinness could be open to criminal proceedings if it can be proved that it never intended to redeem a pledge to move its headquarters from London to Edinburgh, according to Mr Michael Howard, the Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs.

Guinness's relocation promise, given during last year's bitter takeover battle for the drinks group Distillers, was an important factor in obtaining crucial Scottish backing for the £2.7 billion offer by Guinness.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal MP for the Gordon, Grampian, constituency, had written to Mr Howard, asking could be imposed where companies, such as Guinness, failed to honour pledges.

In his reply, excerpts of which were made available yesterday, the Minister said the Department of Trade and Industry would look closely at what actions were necessary, when it receives the report from special inspectors currently conducting an inquiry into Guinness share trading.

Mr Howard said section 13 of the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958 already made it a criminal offence to induce somebody to invest money in securities on the basis of a statement or promise knowing it to be false or misleading, or of dishonest concealment of material facts.

Section 47 of the Financial Services Act, to be brought into force later this year, would "widen this offence to other investments and extend it to actions which create a false impression of the value of an investment. The penalty for breach of these provisions is imprisonment for seven years."

Mr Howard underlined that making people keep promises to investors was a key part of the new regulatory framework for the City.

SE and Panel in joint role over Burton bid

By Lawrence Lever

The Stock Exchange and the Takeover Panel have both become involved in the informal examination carried out by officials at the Department of Trade and Industry of the £550 million takeover of Debenhams by the Burton Group.

Speculation that the examination may eventually lead to a formal Companies Act investigation into Burton – involving the appointment of outside inspectors – caused a double-figure fall in Burton's shares yesterday.

The SE recently provided information on the takeover to the Panel, in response to a Panel request. The Panel itself is believed to have held informal discussions with officials from the Department concerning the possibility of a formal investigation.

However, the SE has not provided information directly to the DTI. It is believed that the Panel's own information on the Debenhams takeover contains nothing which would warrant a formal investigation.

Last week the DTI said that it had "noted reports of allegations of possible breaches of the law in the Debenhams takeover" and was "considering the validity of these reports."

The DTI can only appoint inspectors when there is geniune evidence that there has been a breach of the law – and the Director of Public Prosecutions agrees that a successful prosecution could be bought on the basis of this information.

Yesterday a DTI spokesman would only say: "In any case the Department is ready to consider valid evidence of any breach of the law."

Slow pick-up on Yule offer

Yule Catto's takeover bid for Barrow Hepburn has attracted acceptances from holders of only 3.3 per cent of the group's shares. This takes Yule Catto's stake to just over 6 per cent. Its offer has been extended until March 13. Barrow Hepburn's board is strongly opposed to the bid

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Developing countries 'hit by protectionism'

Protectionism has increased markedly since the mid-1970s, according to the *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, published today. The biggest increase in barriers to trade has come in the 1980s mainly between the industrial countries and the developing nations: The main losers have been the developing nations.

"They have been compelled to adjust more deeply to falls in demand for declining industries than the industrial countries and to redistribute output and trade flows among themselves more rapidly than a less protectionist regime would have required," the review says.

The economic evidence remains firmly in favour of free trade, or a liberal trading system, and against protectionism. "The danger of retaliation and futile trade wars is severe," the review adds.

Inoco chief resigns

Inoco announced yesterday that Mr Sankar Ramani has resigned, with immediate effect, his position as chairman and as a director. The company said Mr Ramani's reason would become apparent when the new chairman was appointed. During the past two months, Inoco has spent more than £5 million diversifying into UK commercial property and the new chairman was likely to reflect this change in direction. Its takeover bid, last year, for Petranol was defeated.

Revised offer for Newbold

Peter Black is to make a revised recommended offer for Newbold & Burton after receiving irrevocable undertakings to accept from holders of 35.6 per cent of Newbold & Burton shares. The terms are nine Black shares for 16 Newbold shares, which will result in the issue of 2.4 million new Black shares, which is 5.6 per cent of the enlarged share capital, if accepted in full. There is a cash alternative of 100p for each Newbold share.

Petranol to expand

Petranol, the London-quoted oil and gas exploration company whose shares were suspended late on Friday, is negotiating with M Hubert Perrodo, the French multi-millionaire, about an assets-for-shares deal which could double the size of the company. Petranol requested the suspension after the share price jumped from 48p to 60p on speculation that an announcement was imminent. The company, which is capitalized at £19 million, hopes to conclude negotiations by the end of next week. The Perrodo deal would bring in oil and gas acreage in the west of the US. Last week Petranol completed a £930,000 rights issue to help finance its UK onshore exploration. But it was thwarted last October when a group of shareholders voted down a £6 million rights issue for the aquisition of Apollo Energy, a private Texan oil company. The company hopes the assets-for-shares swap with M Perrodo will solve the impasse.

Bunzl in 2.6% Norcros buy

Bunzl, the paper and plastics group, has been uncovered as a "mystery" share buyer at Norcros, the building and packaging specialist. Norcros said a Bunzl subsidiary, Bunhill Investment, was the beneficial owner of 2.6 per cent of the shares through 21 separate accounts. Mr Terry Simpson (right), the chief executive, said the company had been told by Bunzl it would take no further action without informing Norcros first. Norcros shares soared to almost 340p on the news.

Ghana ends two-tier foreign exchange rate

Ghana has abolished its two-tier foreign exchange system and will let the market set the rate for its currency, according to Ghana Radio. The broadcast, monitored at Abidjan, Ivory Coast, said the arrangement was to be replaced immediately with a unified auction system.

Announcing the budget for the next year, Mr Kwesi Botchwey, Ghana's finance minister, said the weekly foreign auction rate will apply to all sectors of the economy. Until now transactions in crude oiland cocoawere calcuated at the old cedi rate of 90 to the dollar. The two-tier system allows certain sectors of the economy to be protected from currency fluctuations. The cedi now stands at 150 to the dollar.

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Interim Results

Unaudited results for the half year to 28th December 1986:

	1986 £000	1985 £000
Turnover	16,278	13,341
Profit before tax	2,431	1,294
Earnings per share	12.6p	7.1p

Extracts from the Chairman's Statement:

RESULTS: Operating profit grew by 70% and interest costs were eliminated during the period.

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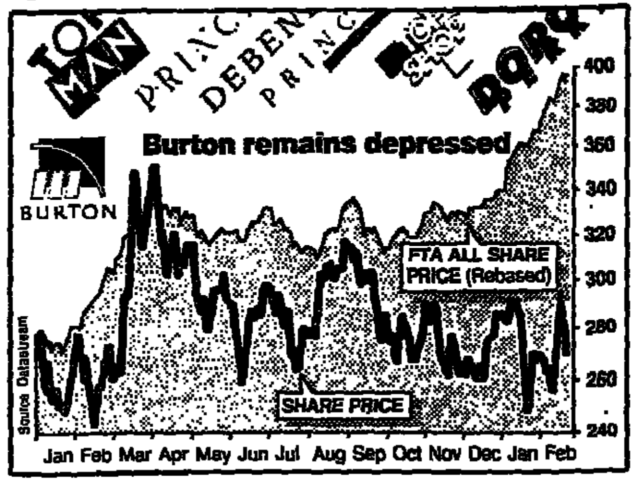
STOCK MARKET

Shakeout in Wall Street sends prices into retreat

By Michael Clark



An early shakeout on Wall Street sent a shudder through the London stock market yesterday and the bulls were sentrunning for cover as the new account got off to a shaky start.

After last week's record-breaking run investors were in a cautious mood when trading resumed and opted for the softly, softly approach. As a result turnover was at a low ebb with market-makers content to mark prices lower throughout the session.

The only attempts at a rally occurred after lunch as trading resumed in New York, but after a firm start, prices soon began to lose ground rapidly. The Dow Jones industrial average, at one stage, was down almost 40 points. It recovered its poise later in the session, but most of the damage had been done on Throgmorton Street.

The FT 30 share index finished 8.5 lower at 1,585.5, after rising 0.4 at 3pm. The damage to the broader FT-SE 100 share index was more widespread which at 5pm was down 24.7 points. It finished 21.8 down at 1,939.7.

Stocks with an international flavour bore the brunt of the markdown. But Government securities closed with gains stretching to £¼ at the longer end still looking for an early cut in base rates.

Burton, the Top Shop, Dorothy Perkins and Peter Robinson stores group, was again in retreat as the price slipped 12p to 269p. This followed confirmation over the weekend that the Department of Trade and Industry is looking into events surrounding Burton's £550 million bid for Debenhams a couple of years ago.

The speculation has increased since the news that Mr Gerald Ronson had written to the DTI clarifying his role in the bid. His last-minute support had been crucial to Burton in clinching the deal.

The Burton share price now stands just 27p above its low for the year and some dealers fear it may have further to fall if the DTI inspectors do decide to move in.

But on fundamentals alone, Burton shares are regarded as cheap with pretax profits expected to climb from £148.7 million to more than £190 million in the current year. "In normal circumstances, Burton would be regarded as a solid long-term investment. It is now the second largest clothing group in the United Kingdom," commented one broker.

The rest of the stores sector was also in the doldrums as investors continued to take their profits. Attempts at a rally soon ended in failure with prices again drifting after hours. Falls were seen in Great Universal Stores 'A' 15p to £12.47, Next 4p to 274p, Marks and Spencer 7p to 206p, Storehouse 4p to 284p, **WH Smith** 6p to 309p, **Ward White** 6p to 321p, and **Woolworth** 7p to 768p.

Bid hopes again boosted **Birmid Qualcast**, the lawnmower and Potterton boiler manufacturer, 31p to a new high of 255p after Friday's news that **Hepworth Ceramic Holdings** eased its stake in the company to 4.9 per cent.

Hepworth says that a merger would be in the interests of both companies. The two sides have already held initial talks and will be meeting again later this week. Hepworth tumbled 18p to 213p.

●Talk of US stakebuilding lifted Racal Electronics 20p to a peak of 249.5p. Racal is giving several presentations to US fund managers in New York next week and the market is looking for a positive reponse from the Americans. Brokers Smith New Court and rival Scrimgeour Vickers may also be flying out to join Racal.

The big four clearing banks were in a nervous mood ahead of the dividend reporting season which gets under way today with full year figures from **National Westminster Bank**. The market is looking for pretax profits of more than £1 billion and may be disappointed if NatWest fails to come up with the goods. The price closed above its worst levels of the day, but was still 5p down at 619p by the close.

There were also renewed worries for **Lloyds Bank** 15p lower at 489p, after 482p, and **Midland Bank** 18p to 619p. Both have big exposure to South America and may be affected by Brazil's decision to freeze repayments to overseas banks. **Barclays Bank** lost 14p to 550p.

The big insurance composites, which are also entering their annual reporting season soon, showed signs of running out of steam after their recent strong run. However, once again prices managed to close above their worst levels.

But there were still deficits in **Commercial Union** 8p to 344p, **General Accident** 15p to 964p, **Guardian Royal Exchange** 14p to 925p, and **Sun Alliance** 26p to 753p. Even **Royal Insurance** dipped below the £10-level with a fall of 23p to 978p.

● **FRANKFURT:** Share prices closed with big losses across the board yesterday in wary trading which saw modest turnover as investors were discouraged by Brazil's suspension of interest payments on its foreign commercial debt, dealers said. The Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares, calculated at midsession, fell 23 to 1,724.2.

Bank shares were hardest hit – Deutsche Bank dropped DM20 to DM645 and the impact spread to other sectors. "The Latin American debt problem has had a deep psychological negative influence on the whole market," one dealer said.

Foreign investors continued to sell. Investors generally were cautious after the weekend's Paris pact between finance ministers and central bank chiefs of six leading industrial nations to stabilize currencies, dealers said.

They said they saw share prices continuing to fall on general scepticism that the pact will not succeed in supporting the dollar for very long.

● **HONG KONG:** Strong but extremely selective buying pushed many shares higher. The Hang Seng index soared to a new record of 2,879.01, up 51.61 points. Its previous high was set on Friday.

The index opened firmly, with a gain of nearly 55 points in the first hour of trading, and managed to hold on to most of that advance for the remainder of the session, despite some local profit-taking.

Turnover amounted to a heavy HK$1.76 billion (£148 million), up from HK$1.56 billion on Friday.

● **TOKYO:** Share prices slipped on moderate volume as worries about the global impact of Brazil's suspension of debt interest payments caused banking and other financial issues to slump. The Nikkei Dow Jones index, which skidded 147.70 points on Friday, fell 139.89 points to close at 19,940.50.

Losing shares outnumbered advancing issues by 498 to 374, while 147 issues were unchanged.

● **SYDNEY:** Share prices on the Sydney stock market rose in morning trade but then declined to finish the day up only slightly. The All-Ordinary share index ended at 1,606.3, up one point, down from the morning's peak of 1,611.3.

Brokers said the market took a rest after its recent record-breaking run. One reason for the caution is the concern over Brazil's foreign-debt problems that might sharply depress Wall Street prices which, in turn, could flow through to push Australian industrial shares down.

Rising long-term interest rates did not help the stock market either. The yield on 10-year Australian government bonds rose again, to as high as 14.21 per cent before ending at about 14.15 per cent, up from 14.10 per cent on Friday.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	2,000	Gen Accident	354	Redland	282
Amstrad	2,200	GEC	8,300	Reckitt Colman	24
ASDA-MFI	2,200	Glaxo	5,400	Reed Int	1,900
Ass Br Foods	741	Globe IT	809	Reuters	623
BET	625	Granada	1,700	RMC Group	241
BTR	1,700	Grand Met	1,200	RTZ	233
BAT	2,700	GUS 'A'	148	Rowntree	1,400
Barclays	1,500	GRE	455	Royal B of Scot	364
Bass	336	GKN	623	Royal Ins	933
Beecham	827	Guinness	3,300	Saatchi	643
Blue Circle	406	Hammerson Pry 'A'	497	Sainsbury (J)	659
BOC	477	Hanson	7,200	Scot Newall	1,000
Boots	1,900	Hawker Siddeley	539	Sears	4,100
BPB Ind	193	Hillsdown	726	Sedgwick Gp	2,500
BPCC	1,900	Imp Chem Ind	1,900	Shell	2,900
Br Aerospace	1,200	Imp Cont Gas	666	Smith & Nephew	8,200
Br Airways	----	Jaguar	346	STC	4,000
Br Gas	53,000	Ladbroke	322	Stan Chart	143
Br Petroleum	6,900	Land Securities	889	Storehouse	5,400
Br Telecom	5,200	Legal & Gen	587	Sun Alliance	437
Britoil	6,100	Lloyds	2,000	Tarmac	690
Bunzl	733	Lonhro	2,100	TSB P/P	5,500
Burton	2,000	Marks & Spencer	3,800	Tesco	831
Cable & Wireless	2,600	MEPC	225	Thorn EMI	2,900
Cadbury Schwep	3,000	Midland	1,900	Trafalgar House	1,400
Coats Viyella	566	Nat West	2,700	Trusthouse Forte	3,400
Com Union	1,300	P & O Dfrd	629	Unigate	272
Cons Goldfields	1,000	Pearson	214	Unilever	228
Cookson Gp	236	Pilkington Bros	1,300	Utd Biscuits	2,700
Courtaulds	570	Plessey	19,000	Wellcome	6,300
Dee Corp	1,200	Prudential	324	Willis Faber	74
Dixons Gp	3,700	Racal Elect	35,000	Whitbread 'A'	710
English China	410	Rank Org	133	Woolworth	194
Fisons	93	Rank Hovis	394	See prices page 25	

WALL STREET

Dow slips on caution after Paris agreement

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street investors demonstrated some hesitancy in early deals yesterday as they weighed up the consequences of the weekend's international currency pact in Paris.

Blue chips, which lost on Friday when investors unwound their options positions, recovered some ground, but the broader market was slightly lower.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 12.25 to 2,223.00 at one stage. The transport indicator lost 10.78 to 940.77.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index declined 2.81 to 282.67 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index lost 1.38 to 161.44.

Among the leaders IBM gained ⅜ to 140⅛. Navistar led the active shares with a loss of ⅛ to 7⅝ in early transactions.

	Feb 20	Feb 19
AMR Cp	58⅜	58¾
ASA	40⅞	40⅞
Aetna Life	66⅝	65
Allied Signal	47	46⅝
Allis Chalm	3⅜	3½
Alcoa	43⅜	43⅞
Amax Inc	17⅜	17⅞
AMR Hess	28⅝	27¾
Am Brands	52¼	52
Am Can	103⅜	104⅝
Am Cynmd	94	94⅝
Am Ele Pwr	30⅜	30¼
Amex	69⅝	70⅜
Am Home	86⅝	85¼
Am Motors	3⅜	3⅝
Am Stand	49⅜	48⅞
Am Telph	23½	23⅝
Amoco Cp	73	72⅞
Armco Steel	8⅝	8½
Asarco Inc	20	19⅞
Ashland Oil	64¼	64¼
Atl Richfld	68⅝	68
Avon Prod	30⅜	30½
Bk Boston	33½	33⅞
Bank NY	41	40½
Bankamer	12⅛	12⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	48	50½
Beth Steel	8⅝	8⅝
Boeing	52¼	53
Boise Casc	75⅝	76⅝
Borden	57⅞	58½
Borg Warnr	42⅝	41⅜
Brist Myer	100	98
BP	46⅛	46⅛
Brunswick	43½	44
Burl Ind	45⅛	47⅞
Burl Nth	68⅝	66
CBS	155½	158
CPC Int	48	46⅞
Cmpbell Sp	62	61⅜
Can Pacific	16⅜	17⅜
Caterpillar	46⅜	47⅛
Celanese	245	244⅝
Centrl SW	36⅝	35⅜
Champion	37½	
Chase Man	40⅝	41⅜
Chem NY	49⅜	49½
Chevron	48⅝	49⅜
Chrysler	49⅜	49⅞
Citicorp	58⅛	59
Clark Eq	24½	24⅝
Coca Cola	45⅝	45½
Colgate	47	47⅝
Columb Gas	49⅜	49⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	39⅝	39⅜
Cmwlth Edi	37⅝	37¼
Cons Edis	45⅝	45⅝
Cn Nat Gas	37⅝	38
Cons Pwr	17⅝	17¼
Cont Data	29⅜	30
Corning Gl	58	58⅝
Crane	44½	45⅜
Curtiss Wrt	59	58
Data Genl	35⅝	36¼
Deere Cp	29⅝	29⅝
Delta Airl	65	64⅝
Detroit Edi	18⅜	18⅝
Digital Eq	153⅞	155¾
Disney	59	59⅝
Dow Chem	75⅝	77¼
Dressr Ind	25⅝	26⅜
Dupont	99⅜	101⅜
Duke Pwr	48½	48⅝
East Kodak	79⅝	81¼
Eaton Cp	84⅜	84⅞
Emerson El	106	106¼
Emery Air	12	12⅜
Exxon	81⅝	81⅝
Fed Dpt Sts	94⅜	92⅜

	Feb 20	Feb 19
Firestone	35⅞	36
Fst Chicago	33	32⅞
Fst Int Bncp	57⅜	57⅞
Fst Penn C	10⅞	10⅞
FT Wachvia	42⅝	42⅞
Ford Motor	78¼	78⅞
GAF Cp	45	45½
GTE Cp	42⅞	41¾
Gen Cp	77⅛	77¾
Gn Dynam	76⅞	75⅜
Gen Elect	101	100⅞
Gen Inst	26⅝	25⅝
Gen Mills	49⅞	49⅞
Gen Motors	76⅞	77¾
Gen Pub Ut	25¼	26
Genesco	4⅛	4⅛
Georgia Pac	47	47⅞
Gillette	60⅝	63⅛
Goodrich	54⅞	53⅞
Goodyear	55⅛	55⅝
Gould Inc	19⅜	19⅜
Grace Cp	54⅞	54⅜
Gnt Atl Pac	29⅝	29½
Greyhnd	35⅜	35⅞
Gruman	30	29⅞
Gulf & West	76	76⅛
Heinz	48⅝	47⅞
Hercules	63⅛	62⅜
Hewlet Pk	51⅛	53⅝
Honeywell	70⅜	70⅝
IC Ind	30⅜	30⅞
ITT Cp	62	62⅞
INCO	15⅝	15⅞
Ingersoll	77⅝	78⅜
Inland Steel	26	26
IBM	139⅝	139⅜
Int Paper	93½	94⅝
Irving Bk	51¼	52
Jhsn & Jhsn	84⅞	85⅝
K Mart Cp	59⅞	55⅞
Kaiser Alum	16⅝	16⅝
Kerr McGee	31⅛	31⅝
Kimbl Clark	110½	112¼
Kroger	32⅜	32⅜
LTV Cp	2⅝	2⅝
Litton	84⅜	84⅝
Lockheed	53⅜	54
Lucky Str	28⅝	28⅝
Man H'nver	47⅝	48⅜
Manville	2⅝	2⅜
Mapco	61½	61
Marine Mid	54⅜	54
Mt Marietta	45⅞	45⅛
Masco	35⅝	35⅝
Mcdonalds	75⅝	75⅝
McDonnell	79⅝	78⅝
Mead Cp	67⅞	69
Merck	149⅜	147¾
Minsta Mng	130⅝	132⅜
Mobil	43	43⅜
Monsanto	77⅜	78
Morgan Jp	47⅝	48½
Motorola	47⅞	49⅜
NCR	62⅜	61⅞
NL Indstrs	6⅞	6⅞
Nat Distill	60⅜	59⅜
Nat Md Ent	25⅝	26
Nat Semi	15⅝	15⅛
Norfolk Sth	97⅝	97¼
NW Bancrp	42⅜	41⅝
Occid Petl	32⅝	31¼
Ogden Cp	59½	58
Olin Cp	49⅝	48⅞
Owens Ill	80	59⅞
PPG Ind	86½	87⅜
Pac Gas El	26⅞	26¼
Pan Am	5⅜	5⅜
Penney JC	94⅜	93⅜
Pennzoil	78⅝	76½

	Feb 20	Feb 19
Pepsico	33½	32⅞
Pfizer	73⅛	74⅛
Phelps Dod	29¼	29⅝
Philip Mor	85	87⅞
Philip Ptrl	12⅛	12⅛
Polaroid	79⅜	82⅝
Proct Gble	86⅝	88½
Pub Svc Eg	41⅛	41½
Raytheon	78⅜	79
Rynlds Met	54⅞	54
Rockwell Int	57¼	56⅜
Royal Dutch	104	103½
SFE Sopac	34	33⅝
Sara Lee	41⅝	41⅜
Schlumb	38⅞	38⅞
Scott Pap	77⅜	78⅝
Seagram	68⅞	69⅝
Sears Roeb	53¼	51⅛
Shell Trans	64⅞	64
Singer	44⅜	45⅛
Smthkln Bk	109⅞	109½
Sony Cp	22⅞	23⅞
Sth Cal Edi	35⅛	35⅛
SW Bell	115	114⅛
Std Oil	56	57
Sterl Drug	51⅛	51⅝
Stevens JP	43⅝	44
Sun Comp	59⅝	59⅝
TRW Inc	105⅝	108⅛
Teledyne	322⅛	324½
Tenneco	44⅞	45⅞
Texaco	34⅞	34⅞
Tex Eastn	34⅛	34⅞
Tex Inst	159⅛	162¾
Tex Util	35¼	35
Textron	66⅜	66⅝
Travelers	51½	51⅛
UAL Inc	55⅞	56½
USG	39⅜	38½
USX Cp	24⅞	24⅛
Unilever NV	246½	244¾
Un Carbide	26⅝	26⅛
Un Pac Cp	78⅞	77¾
Unisys Cp	108⅛	110⅞
Utd Brands	47¼	47½
Utd Tech	53⅝	51¾
Unocal	30⅜	30
Walter Jim	55½	55⅜
Warn Lamb	69⅝	70⅛
Wells Far	58⅞	56⅜
Westg El	64¼	64⅞
Weyerhsr	49	48¼
Whirlpool	38⅜	38¼
Woolworth	48⅝	47⅞
Xerox Cp	74½	73⅞
Zenith	23⅝	24

CANADIAN PRICES

	Feb 20	Feb 19
Agnco Eag	29	28⅝
Alcn Alum	49⅝	50⅞
Algoma Stl	10⅞	10¼
Can Pacific	22½	22⅛
Cominco	16	15⅞
Con Bathrst	36½	36
Hkr Sid Can	26⅛	25⅜
Hdsn B Min	25	25¼
Imasco	35¼	34⅛
Imperial Oil	56⅜	57⅛
In Pipe	45	45⅝
Ryl Trustco	32½	32½
Seagram	91⅝	92⅛
Steel Co	23	23½
Thmsn N 'A'	33⅜	32½
Varity Corp	3.50	3.45
WCT	14⅞	14½
Weston	36	35½

COMPANY NEWS

● **TURRIFF CORPORATION:** Agreement has been reached for the sale of the corporation's 49 per cent shareholding in Engineering Support Services to SAC International.

● **DRG (CANADA):** With figures in Can$000: 1986 net sales 128,402 (120,580), income before extraordinary item 4,821 (4,553), extraordinary item from sale of land and buildings net of tax 1,057 (nil), net income 5,878 (4,553), net income per share without extraordinary item Can$1.34 (£.66) against Can$1.27 and with extraordinary item Can$1.64 (Can$1.27).

● **TAYLOR WOODROW:** The Taylor Woodrow Property Company has completed a new 15,500 sq ft. office building known as Priory House, in Wrights Lane, Kensington, London W8. The letting agents are quoting a rent of £265,000 per annum for the building.

● **THERMAL SCIENTIFIC:** The company has purchased Rosand Precision, a precision instrument designer and manufacturer for £770,000 via £450,000 in cash and 88,106 ordinary shares at 227p and two deferred payments of £60,000. Rosand's audited sales and pretax profits to November 1986 were £454,000 and £120,000 respectively.

● **ROYEX GOLD MINING CORPORATION:** The company has completed the acquisition of 36 per cent of Lacana Mining Corporation also based in Tornoto. Royex purchased 4,751,009 common shares of Lacana for an aggregate of c$52,261,099 (c$11 per share). Four new directors have joined the Lacana board: Mr Paul Carroll, Mr Myron Gottlieb, Mr Peter Steen and Mr Ian Wright.

● **RENOWN INC:** A dividend of Y12.5 (same) (£0.056) will be paid for 1986. With figures in Ymillion: net sales 214,500 (220,167), net sales profit 2,184 (5,585), ordinary profit 8,808 (11,971), net profit 5,763 (5,721). Earnings per share Y33.18 (Y35.56).

● **JEBSENS DRILLING:** The meeting of directors has been postponed until March 3. The preliminary announcement of the group's results for 1986 and final dividend will now be made following that meeting.

● **FLEDGELING JAPAN INVESTMENT CO:** The net asset value per share on February 19 was Y190.

● **NORTH WEST EXPLORATION:** The company's wholly-owned subsidiary, NW Minerals, has signed a joint venture agreement with a consortium comprising Aquitaine Mining (Ireland), CLuff Minerals Exploration and Silvermines. The joint venture is for 17 mineral exploration licences held by the consortium covering an area of 226 sq miles in County Donegal, Ireland, and for several additional licences applied for in 1986. NW Minerals will spend Ir£340,000 in 1987/88 on minerals prospecting and development, in return for a 56.3 per cent interest in all prospecting licences held by or granted to the joint venture.

● **COSWORTH ENGINEEERING:** The company has acquired a 75 per cent interest in Brian Hart, the balance is held by Mr Brian Hart, the chairman, managing director and founder of the company. The company specialises in the design, development and manufacture and servicing of high performance engines for racing and competition cars.

APPOINTMENTS

Fidelity International: Mr **George Stephens** is now director, overseas and expatriate sales.

Reginald Watts Associates: **Mr Robert Heller, Mr Walter Goldsmith, Mr Keppel Simpson and Miss Deborah Saw** have been elected to the board.

Neil and Spencer: **Mr P Tarrant** will become managing director, dry cleaning division from March 1.

Lloyds Bank: **Mr Eric Varley** has become a regional director, North & East Midlands regional board.

Kodak: **Mr Erroll Yates** will become chairman and managing director, succeeding Mr Roy Milner on May 1.

Bowring U.K. Marine Cargo: **Mr Doug Harrowell** becomes chief executive, succeeding Mr John Large who remains chairman.

Laporte Industries (Holdings): **Mr George Duncan** is a non-executive director.

BET: **Sir Timothy Bevan** joins the board.

Project Management International: **Mr Graham Williams** has become an associate partner.

IN THE MARKET

Two views of the Wall of Worry

Purchases by market (US $million)*

	US Bonds	US Stocks	Belgium/ Luxmbrg	Canada	UK	Australia/ N Zealnd	Other Europe	Others	Total Bonds	Total Stocks
1983	3,601	358	1,812	765	769	557	194	-5	7,661	390
1984	9,376	-118	3,980	1,391	1,214	1,257	391	68	17,476	83
1985	26,514	230	7,127	1,723	1,975	630	61	1,019	38,704	574
1986	31,738	1,575	15,851	4,717	4,112	-200	771	1,395	57,618	2,341

* Includes only those transactions involving domestic and foreign securities houses located in Japan
Source: Securities Dealers Association of Japan

World markets are advanced theatre: no props, no set and not even a stage. Central bank chairmen and finance ministers speak into the void from every point of the globe. But their words are headed by the watching millions via the screens and the rapport between audience and players in the drama is total.

Take Mr Ben Wrey, managing director of Henderson Administration. Late last year I elicited from him the view that Wall Street in early 1987 would be the best performing market. Ratings were cheap, fundamentals were improving, and US shares had lagged every other stock market.

That was on December 16. The Dow Jones average was 1,936. About 10 weeks later, after one of the most staggering rallies ever seen on Wall Street, the Dow Jones is over 2,200. Mr Wrey now has nearly $1 billion (£65 million) riding the Wall Street roller-coaster. After such a coup, does he sell the market or buy more?

"It's gone very fast," he acknowledges, "but for the time being, we want to hang in there. It still feels fine, as though it were only just building. We don't think everyone's in, as of now."

But he reserves the right to abort should some of the stuff coming out of Washington become worse.

It is a more cautious argument than some of the flamboyant predictions now floating around Wall Street.

Leading guru Mr Bob Prechter, exponent of the Elliott Wave theory, reckons the Dow Jones will peak sometime next year fractionally below 4,000. Mr Prechter has a simple counsel for investors – relax and enjoy the party.

The bulls' case for a soaring Wall Street hinges on the fundamentals, both short and long term. In the near term, it all looks reasonable. Last week, Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, informed the Senate Banking Committee that to all intents and purposes M1 would be scrapped as a target measure. Restrictive measures will not be applied to claw back some of the current monetary overshoots. Liquidity will be available in abundance to the market, which ought to send share prices shooting ahead.

Further out, the fundamentals can still be wrought into a pleasing shape. The US trade deficit may have turned round: income streams on US equities will be boosted by recent tax legislation: and there are good grounds for optimism about US corporations' future earnings growth.

Last year, US corporate profits were an estimated $197 billion, up just 4.2 per cent on 1985 and way short of the growth profile demanded by Wall Street's current p/e of nearly 20. But US profits can grow rapidly. Between 1982 and 1983, they jumped by 57 per cent, admittedly from a depressed base. After the massive devaluation of the dollar of the past two years, and allowing for the radical corporate surgery which the big US companies have been experiencing, hopes are high that the late 1980s will see a resumption of heady US profits growth.

The Japanese supply a fine kicker to the bull argument. The table shows what is happening: the Japanese are diversifying out of bonds and into equities. Between 1985 and 1986, their purchases of US common stocks increased no less than six-fold.

Traders cannot ignore events on another part of the stage. What is taking place in the White House is hypnotic. Mr Donald Regan, White House chief of staff, is under pressure to resign. He and Mr Volcker are understood by the market to enjoy a mutual detestation. Mr Regan is popularly tagged with undermining Mr Volcker's authority at the Fed: blocking moves to curb excess US monetary growth: and in general creating the conditions that have both fuelled the equity boom but destabilized the dollar.

Traders fear that if Mr Regan resigns he may take the bull market with him. They also fear that his departure may coincide with a great purge of Wall Street. The Street is fixated by rumours that Securities and Exchange Commission investigators have a list of 60 top operators on Wall Street whom they plan to arrest.

Should a political dimension strike, many of the bull factors transmute quite quickly into their bearish counterparts. A market capable of assuming a diametrically different shape is, for some, an unstable market.

The dollar still looks like a medium-term sell, the Group of Seven deal in Paris notwithstanding. The departure of Mr Volcker's rival would enable the Fed chairman to push rates up to protect the US currency. Volcker touched on this possibility in his Senate testimony. Higher rates look to be the hidden element that binds G7 into a plausible deal, should the dollar hit trouble. The US commitment at the Paris meeting to trimming the Federal deficit from 3.9 per cent to 2.3 per cent of GNP risks pushing the US economy into recession. In that case US corporates might fail to enjoy the benefits of dollar devaluation, as the home market contracts and the West Germans and Japanese wriggle out of reflation measures, thereby hanging onto gains registered during the hey-day of Reaganism.

Should the departure of Mr Regan from the White House signal a turning point for the market, then arguably Frankfurt, not Wall Street, is now the more attractive market. Frankfurt has lagged other markets so far this year, because continued dollar devaluation and mark appreciation has curbed earnings growth potential for leading German companies.

Markets, unlike the truth, are never pure and rarely simple. So far Mr Wrey has gone with the flow, refusing to fight the tape. But some of the traditional stock market mantras are losing their relevance at this level. The Wall of Worry is looking very steep.

Christopher Dunn

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

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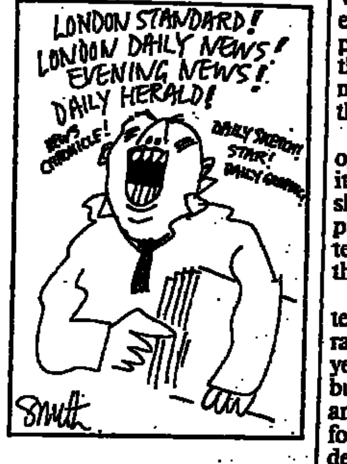
Wellcome change

Dr Ronnie Cresswell, who resigned as head of research at Wellcome two weeks ago without naming his new employer, is, I hear, joining the chemical group Laporte Holdings. Cresswell, a 53-year-old Scot, whose shock departure from Wellcome came after 24 years with the company, starts work at Laporte on Monday as its chief operating officer. He will effectively become the company's number two – reporting directly to chief executive Ken Minton. Cresswell was head-hunted for the job by Tyzack & Partners, and Richard Addis, a partner at Tyzack tells me he was attracted to Laporte "because it is the number two slot." But I gather his former colleagues at Wellcome are more than a little surprised. Laporte's market capitalization is, at £700 million, only a fifth the size of Wellcome and Cresswell's new package, believed to be in the region of £100,000, is only marginally more than the £95,000 a year he earned at Wellcome. There must, methinks, be more to this than meets the eye.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Stout fellow

Guests at the Food and Drink Federation's annual conference being held at the Grosvenor House Hotel today will find a sticky label on the programme of speakers, naming Jeremy Pope, joint managing director of west country brewer Eldridge Pope, as a late addition to the list. More inquisitive members of the audience, who peel back the label, will be amused to discover that the original speaker was to have been Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chief. "He withdrew," explains the Federation's secretary, Mike Stevens, "at about the time he resigned from Guinness – but the programmes had already been printed."

● **City slickers are not the only employees being enticed to new jobs by the promise of a Porsche. In an advertisement in the *Hairdressers Journal*, the Liverpool-based hairdressing franchise group Alan Paul is offering the prestigious cars as part of the pay package for top stylists.**

Banking circles

A colleague whose cheque book identifies his nationality complains that he can rarely predict whether English clearing banks are going to give him money or not. He fondly remembers the halycon days when his Bank of Scotland cheques could be cashed in any bank without extra cost. But competition brought charges, and he was restricted to branches of Barclays, which had a 30 per cent stake in, and a reciprocal "no charge" agreement with, the Bank of Scotland. After that stake was sold, the agreement switched to National Westminster, and my colleague introduced himself to his local NatWest branch. But a soon-to-be-announced computer linkup means the banks will have come full circle. From next month, my colleague will be able get money from the Scottish banks (cheques and cashcard); from Barclays and Lloyds (cashcard only) and from NatWest (cheques only). Only the Midland is holding out. Are you listening, Griffin?

● **Who's going to live happily ever after in Paradise Road? An office block in that street in Richmond, Surrey, becomes the headquarters of romantic novel publishers Mills and Boon this month.**

Judgment

Stephen Plag, the former Wood Mackenzie pharmaceutical analyst who joins Salomon Brothers next month, has been given a short, sharp lesson in the personnel methods of his new American employer. After accepting the job he expressed his concern that some people at Wood Mac might try to back-stab him. His new employer told him not to worry about back-stabbing any more. "At Salomon Brothers we don't go in for that," he was told. "We come at you from the front with an axe."

Carol Leonard

Stock Exchange today: Sir Nicholas Goodison on insider trading

A better chance now of prosecuting the crooks

Closer co-operation: Sir Nicholas Goodison

Insider trading is a criminal offence. It is akin to stealing. All ordinary citizens – and the people who work in the City of London are ordinary citizens – view it with a deep sense of repugnance. Those of us who supervise and police markets work hard to prevent it, discover it and report it so that people who do it can be punished.

People who work in the City deeply resent some of the remarks made about them and about the markets in which they work, both in Parliament and in the media. The depths were plumbed by Roy Hattersley in the House of Commons on January 20 when he talked about the City's "sleazy undercurrent of corruption." This is off beam. Practically everyone in the City regards insider dealing as stealing. We are dealing not with a problem arising from the morals of most people but from the morals of very few.

It is also quite wrong to impute to a market place the morality of a small minority of people who misbehave in using its services. I suspect that those who blame "the Stock Exchange" or "the City" are either being very lazy or very mischievous. The Governor of the Bank of England put it very well when he said that "fraud *on* the City should not be confused with fraud *by* the City."

I would add another analogy. Marks and Spencer does its best to deter and detect shoplifters and to have them punished. When they are detected, M&S is not blamed for their shoplifting.

The securities market matters a great deal to Britain. It raises more than £6 billion a year for British industry and business. It earns a substantial amount of foreign currency for Britain. It causes a great deal of economic activity in Britain – far more, for example, than the art trade, which is also a great success story.

We must aim not only to correct misconceptions that do us no good at all abroad. We must also do everything we can to deter wrong-doers, discover them and ensure they are punished.

So what is the problem?

My own belief is that over the years a few immoral people have done a fair amount of insider trading because it has been too easy to escape detection and prosecution. The fault has lain with the inadequate powers and resources within the government machinery for dealing with the crime. This Government is now repairing the fault. Let me spell this out in more detail.

One of my predecessors, Sir Martin Wilkinson, publicly pleaded in the early 1970s that insider trading should be made a criminal offence. That remained Stock Exchange policy. In 1973 the Heath Government drew up the necessary legislation in its Companies Bill, but this was a casualty of the 1974 election.

The Labour Government did nothing about the legislation for another four years and only renewed the idea just before the 1979 election, which saw the return of a Conservative administration. The new administration, thankfully, at last made insider trading a criminal offence with the 1980 Companies Act.

The 1980 Act was a welcome if belated measure, but in the event it has led to very few prosecutions. Since 1980, the Stock Exchange, carrying on its role of scrutinizing price movements and finding out the reasons, watching all the time for suspicious circumstances, has reported to the Department of Trade and Industry more than 100 cases in which it appeared that someone had dealt on the basis of inside information.

The fact that there have been only nine prosecutions, four of them leading to convictions, during the same period demonstrates that the DTI's investigators have had insufficient powers when carrying out their inquiries and that the DTI had insufficient resources to devote to investigating the evidence the Stock Exchange had passed over. I wrote to the Prime Minister pointing this out and we were all pleased when the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry announced that greater resources would be devoted to the DTI's work in future.

The situation today is promising. The present Government has not only increased the resources available within the DTI for investigation. It has also given powers to inspectors through the new Financial Services Act to take evidence on oath, and under the same Act, a witness who refuses to give evidence under oath can be prosecuted for contempt of court. These powers go far beyond anything the Securities and Exchange Commission in the United States can deploy. The Secretary of State has made immediate and energetic use of his new powers.

In addition to this, the Stock Exchange's new computerized quotation and settlement system records the details of every transaction carried out in the market and of every price quotation during each day. All this information is stored in timed sequence. The quality of surveillance has thus immeasurably increased.

The Government has also taken steps to improve the arrangements for exchanging information between authorities in different countries. This is exceedingly important. It has been too easy in past years for an insider trader to hide his doings by booking his business through a bank in a country that insists on banking secrecy. The greater willingness of authorities in different countries to co-operate is encouraging. It is essential.

Providing that the DTI, the Fraud Squad, the Director of Public Prosecutions and the courts are given sufficient resources to do their job properly, there must now be a better chance of prosecuting the crooks – and those who are intent on being crooked must today think twice before they deal on inside information. They are much more likely today to be caught than they were even two months ago.

The vigorous surveillance of the market, which the Stock Exchange has carried out for many years, will continue. So will the close co-operation between ourselves and the statutory authorities, such as the DTI, which both we and the DTI have promoted for a very long time.

This relationship between the statutory and non-statutory authorities is also widely misunderstood. I will write about it in a second article.

The first of three articles by the Chairman of the International Stock Exchange of the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Tomorrow: Self-regulation

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

When Uncle Sam is put to the test

Currency dealers were far too busy yesterday to challenge the amnesty on exchange rates unilaterally declared by the Group of Several in Paris on Sunday. They were preoccupied wondering what the hidden agenda behind the bland and optimistic communiqué might be. On the impeccable authority of Kiichi Miyazawa, Japan's finance minister, the group agreed on measures, but decided not to reveal them. There is a deal of commonsense in that. If Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, had said he would put unspecified billions of reserves behind the dollar, he would have admitted that the dollar would otherwise continue to fall and the return to currency equilibrium, since the autumn Plaza Hotel deal to sell the dollar, was a sham. His steadfast omission of such a pledge, however, cannot be taken as evidence that he will back the dollar with real money (in other words, marks). Still less can it be taken as proof that all concerned would support sterling if required.

As it happens, there is no reason to think sterling needs supporting at the moment. The City sensed yesterday that some of the internationally footloose money was finding its way into sterling. The gilt-edged market had a mild bout of euphoria which the Bank of England sought to restrain through its operations in the money market. The Treasury and the Bank want to see base rates down, but in their own time. The City has latched on to a report that the Chancellor now has a ceiling for the pound as well as a floor, and should sterling romp away on the back of dollar weakness, then a base rate cut would come earlier. Friday should provide the first real test. If the US trade deficit for January is good, say $10 billion, then the feeling might spread that the dollar has reached about the right level. If it is bad, say $15 billion, the dollar might well be in for another pounding. If markets are to be really convinced that where there was chaos, there should now be calm, they need to see some of the economic dissonance between leading economies removed.

Intervention itself, if required, might help co-ordinate the economies more, because supporting the dollar would naturally boost money supply in Germany and Japan but cut it in the United States. Hitherto, however, German intervention has been sterilized by countervailing financing which removes the natural money supply effects. Since few in the United States are prepared to countenance higher interest rates at this tender moment in the economic cycle, the US would be likely to follow suit.

If markets are to be convinced that the 24-hour global nirvana has arrived, the hidden agenda will clearly need to be a lot more credible than the open one.

A question of direction

There is more to the supply side of the economy than two or three pence off the basic rate of income tax in the Budget. And there is more to an industrial strategy than a return to the failed model of the 1960s, or throwing huge sums of money at the problem.

A pamphlet from the Public Policy Centre, *Wealth Creation and Jobs*, by David Sainsbury and Christopher Smallwood, has come up with timely, and detailed, agenda for industrial success in the 1990s.

They put forward three basic arguments, uncontroversial in themselves:

(1) An improved trading performance, particularly for British manufacturing, is essential for sustained expansion, a significant reduction in unemployment and no resurgence of inflation.

(2) There is an attainable improvement in industrial performance necessary to bring this expansion about.

(3) The effort in terms of time and resources needed to raise industry's competitive performance will more than repay itself in terms of overall benefits for the economy.

The problem with research and development, for example, is both one of insufficient resources and a misapplication of resources applied to R & D. The additional resource requirement needed to bring properly-directed British R&D up to international standards might not be that great.

Directing the educational system towards the needs of the economy has been much talked about, not least by the present Government, but with apparently very little progress. Again, the solution lies not in the total amount of resources, but in the way those resources are directed. The authors favour elements of the German educational and training system.

The role of the Government also needs to be more clearly defined in areas like competition policy and inward investment. The task of competition policy, the authors say, should be to increase competition between domestic industries, while exposing monopoly industries to additional competition. "Nationalization and privatization have been inflicted on certain industries with an almost total lack of concern for their long-term efficiency," the pamphlet says.

A more rational policy on inward investment within the European Community would help. Britain has said yes to virtually every foreign investment project; other European countries, notably France, have been more selective. Britain needs to consider more carefully whether all inward investment is desirable.

TEMPUS

Vickers reaps rewards of long-term strategy

In the jargon of marketing men, unique selling points give products an edge over the competition. The same applies to companies, and under Sir David Plastow, Vickers now has enough USPs among its divisions to ensure troughs in one are cancelled out by peaks in another.

Unfortunately, in the year to end-December, one of the troughs was Vickers' biggest single generator of sales – Rolls-Royce cars. Deliveries were respectable at 2,603 vehicles, about 10 per cent ahead of 1985.

The effect of the falling dollar on the returns from the key American market and the costs of no fewer than 3,400 engineering changes into the range left sales virtually stagnant at £175 million, and profits only 6 per cent ahead at £17.5 million.

This year, a hopefully more stable dollar and fewer design changes should see the remodel sales growth translated into bottom-line performance. Rolls is also adding another USP to its range – the revival of the popularity of the Bentley marque.

Equalling cars as a pretax profit contributor was the Lithographic plate business, but its acceleration made it the star performer in Vickers' portfolio with a 16.8 per cent volume growth, which translated into a 60 per cent increase in profits.

The strength of the mark and yen hindered Vickers' West German and Japanese rivals, but its performance in a world market, which grew only 10 per cent, confirms the division has products that are selling more than just on the basis of price.

The unique point about Vickers' defence systems division is that, after last year's purchase of the Royal Ordnance Factories plant at Leeds, the company is the only maker of tanks in Britain. Return on sales at 11.1 per cent last year, against 8.6 in 1985, indicate that Vickers' efficiency drive is working, and the expected completion this year of its new facility can only add economies of scale to a healthy order book.

The acquisition of the KaMeWa variable pitch ship propellors business last year is the best hope for the marine division, which is still suffering from a disastrously-timed switch of emphasis from naval to offshore work.

Sir David has been generous with the dividend, increasing it by 15 per cent from 13p to 15p, from earnings per share up 12 per cent at 40.7p. Splitting the shares in half will give the stock liquidity, which will be welcomed in the market place, and the one-for-four bonus on the new shares will please shareholders.

The 12.6 p/e has yet to fully reflect the continuing benefits of Vickers' long-term strategy.

Barbour Index

Barbour Index publishes the bible of the construction industry – a 1,300-page tome packed with technical details of more than 37,000 building products, vital information for architects and surveyors engaged in design projects.

Now the company, which stretches back to the 1930s, is to be launched on the Stock Exchange capitalized at £17.5 million. The brokers Laurence Prust are placing 900,000 shares, or 11.1 per cent of the capital, at 215p a share.

The directors are forecasting that pretax profits for the year to the end of April will be not less than £1.6 million. On the basis of an estimated tax charge of 37.5 per cent, the company would have earnings per share of 12.3p, giving a p/e ratio of 17.5.

The biggest profit contributor is Barbour-Builder which earns its income from the 5,600 manufacturers whose products are listed, anything ranging from roofing tiles to aluminium doors.

In contrast, the Barbour Microfiles side of the business collects annual subscriptions for providing indexed microfiles giving up-to-date information on construction legislation and research.

Group profits have risen steadily from just over £300,000 in 1982 to £1.1 million in 1985. The present customer base is still someway off saturation level and there is scope for acquisitions. A challenge to the company's present markets looks unlikely due to its entrenched position.

The specialized area of information systems in which the company operates and the shares' relatively narrow market after the listing is likely to lead to a successful, if somewhat quiet, debut.

News Corporation

Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation has become the biggest media owner in the world. After the Herald and Weekly Times acquisition in Australia, the group's British newspaper concerns, including Wapping, will be dwarfed by his vast collection of media interests in Australia and the United States.

The group's American activities, which now account for 57 per cent of trading profit, showed the most spectacular performance at the interim stage, increased by the acquisitions of Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp in December 1985 and Fox Television Stations in March 1986. Both turnover and trading profit in the US were up by 134 per cent to A$1.5 billion (£652 million) and A$233 million respectively.

Australian profits were down 7 per cent, despite an increase in turnover of 11 per cent to A$462 million. The Australian economy has had a far from buoyant year and these results reflect this.

The Herald and Weekly Times, which is to be included as a subsidiary from March 1, will dramatically change the group's Australian profile.

A single corporation is not allowed to own both newspapers and television stations in the same town in Australia. Consequently, the approximately £1 billion deal, which has not yet been completed, involved the enforced disposal of television stations in Melbourne and Adelaide.

This and other factors, such as the fact that Mr Murdoch is no longer an Australian citizen, have caused News Corp to pull out of television and broadcasting in Australia, except possibly for some local radio stations. This will leave it as essentially a newspaper and publishing group in its home country.

The interim results of its wholly owned British subsidiary, News International, published separately, show that moving *The Times, Sunday Times, Sun* and *News of the World* to Wapping a year ago was not done in vain. Pretax profits for the four were up 28 per cent to £44 million in sterling terms on turnover up just 6 per cent to £285 million.

The full benefits from lower manning levels have now been realized, but growth can be expected from the plant's expansion to enable bigger papers to be printed, allowing more advertising to be carried.

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80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	111.2	117.6c	+2.0	10.20
High Inc Equity	112.4	119.5	+2.8	4.35
Worldwide Bond	200.5	213.2●	-1.9	4.55
American Growth	170.7	181.5●	+3.4	0.78
Asian Pacific	67.8	72.1	+1.4	1.57
Assets & Earns	131.4	139.7	+3.9	2.05
Capital Reserve	68.5	68.9c	-0.7	1.47
Comm & Energy	118.0	125.5e	+4.5	0.91
European Capital	94.9	100.9	-0.6	1.26
General	159.5	169.6●	+4.8	2.50
Japan	78.5	83.5	+1.5	..
UK Growth Inc	125.5	133.5	+3.6	1.18
Do Accum	181.5	193.0	+5.3	0.81
US Emerging Co's	62.3	66.2	+4.1	0.08
Equitas Progress	249.5	265.4	+6.0	2.72
Mastertst Acc	73.6	78.2	+1.5	2.10
American Inc	51.7	55.0●	+0.7	4.77

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Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 610366 & 0793 28291

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK Special Sits	262.5	278.3●	+3.5	2.87
Growth & Income	155.2	164.5	+3.9	3.12
Capital Trust	262.4	279.1	+8.0	2.48
Balanced	419.6	444.8	+11.7	2.99
Accum Trust	645.3	684.0	+19.1	2.78
American Income	34.2	36.4●	+0.5	4.09
High Income Tst	290.6	308.0c	+5.6	4.22
Equity Income	162.5	172.2	+4.1	4.34
High Yield	167.2	177.2	+3.3	4.92
Govt Secs Trust	29.2	30.3	+0.3	8.05
International	101.4	108.0●	+2.6	0.75
Japan Fund	126.3	134.5	+1.7	0.01
Pacific Trust	208.7	222.3	+2.6	0.81
Amer Spcl Sits	74.8	79.7	+1.3	1.39
Secs Of Amer Tst	227.8	242.6	+6.5	0.50
Alt Asset Value	270.9	287.2	+7.0	3.02
Conv & Gilt Tst	38.3	40.4	+1.3	5.84
Smaller Co's	150.9	160.0●	+4.5	2.73
2nd Smaller Co's	191.6	203.1	+4.6	1.97
Recovery Trust	98.7	104.6	+3.5	1.79

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES
See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd

BAILLIE GIFFORD
3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY
031-225 2581 (Dealers 031-226 6066)

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Do Accum (3)	216.3	226.8	+6.3	4.30
Intl Inc (2)	148.8	155.0●	+1.3	1.49
Do Accum (2)	198.5	206.7●	+2.3	1.49
Smaller Inc (5)	74.9	79.1a	+2.9	2.70
Do Accum (5)	80.5	85.0a	+3.2	2.70

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1148

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
CS Japan Fund	89.7	95.4	+1.6	0.52

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Growth	333.2	352.6	+5.8	2.89
Income	383.4	405.8	+5.0	4.15
Far East	250.1	264.7	+4.2	0.24
North American	172.5	182.5	+6.0	0.50
Global	56.8	60.1c	+1.1	0.75
European	56.8	60.1	+0.6	1.25
Japan	60.3	64.2	+0.1	0.50
2nd Res Prop Acc	97.0	102.6	+0.1	
2nd Res Pen Acc	98.0	103.7	+0.1	..

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 6 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Capital	412.5	438.9	+13.2	1.60
Income	333.3	354.6	+9.2	4.41
North American	330.5	351.6	+8.4	1.05

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Inv Fund	449.2			4.16
Fixed Int	138.75			10.31
Deposit	100.0			10.85

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
S & C Special Sits	60.2	63.7	-0.3	0.60

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Income	417.71			4.67
Accum	£12.2518			
Deposit	100.0			10.75

The prices in this section refer to Friday's trading

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WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT
01-606 9085/6

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Shr Dtd Gilt Fund	70.9	72.0	+0.3	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	e52.1	52.4	+0.1	..
Challenger	50.6	50.9	-0.3	2.00

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD
01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Conv & Equity	58.6	60.3	+2.2	6.53
Income	65.9	70.2	+2.6	4.17
Growth	67.3	71.7	+2.4	1.75

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

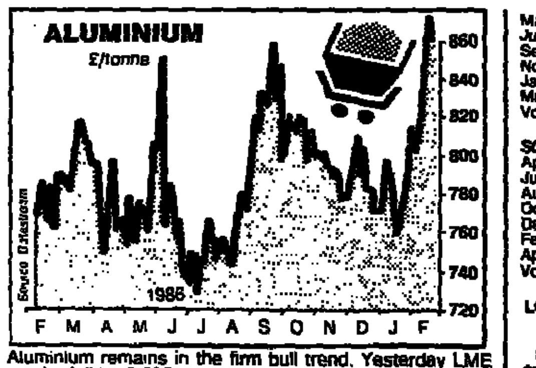
1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ng	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
156	103	Fleming Far East	152	153	+½	1.4	0.9	
170	127	Fleming Fledgling	167	170	●+½	3.6	2.1	65.5
161	96	Fleming Japan	150	151	-1½	1.0	0.7	70.3
192	138	Fleming Mercantile	188	191	+1	5.5	2.8	49.1
186	134	Fleming Overseas	177	180	●-3	2.9b	1.6	88.6
185	140	Fleming Tech	179	182	-1	0.9	0.5	
398	126	Fleming Universal	165	168	-1	2.1b	1.3	81.5
124¾	82½	For Col	122½	123	-1¼	2.4b	2.0	62.9
120	88	GBC Capital	115	117	-1			
250	155	GT Japan	228	229	●+1	2.0	0.9	
378	295	General Cons	370	374	●+5	18.8	5.0	28.1
229	149	General Fund	224	228	●+1½	3.1	1.4	95.8
181	126	Glasgow Stock	175	185		3.3	1.8	73.5
150½	107	Globe (a)	148	148½	-¾	5.3	3.6	38.1
170	128	Govett Atlantic	161	163	-1	4.3b	2.7	49.8
271½	173	Govett Oriental	258	261	-2	3.3	1.3	

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ng	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
463	383	Raeburn	478	483	●+1	19.3	4.0	38.7
214	157	River & Merc	211	214	●+2	8.9	4.2	34.3
317	241	River Plate	314	319		12.4	3.9	36.7
313	231	Robeco	311	-	-2			..
275	206	Rolinco	273	-	-2			
463	294	Romney	397	402	●+½	7.1	1.8	
16¼	12⅞	Rorento	15⅞	-				
240	180	Schroder Tst	235	239	-1			
433	334	Scottish	428	430	s-4	9.4	2.2	65.5
95	76	Scot American	93	94	● ..	2.9b	3.1	92.5
146	104	Scot Eastern	143	144	-1½	3.1	2.2	62.9
100	81	Scot Merc 'A'	91	95	..	6.4	6.9	
630	483	Scot Mtge	623	625	-4	12.6	2.0	67.3
373	280	Scot Nat	363	365	-2	7.8	2.1	61.1
840	633	Second Alliance	828	832	●-3	27.9	3.4	40.9
170	80	Secs Tst of Scotland	105½	106½	-½	4.3b	4.1	39.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ng	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
181	153	Electra	177	178	-½	5.9	3.3	41.0
179	91	Eng Trust	177	180		4.3	2.4	19.6
330	204½	Exco	327	330	-1	6.0	1.8	21.2
120	88	Exploration	117	122	●	3.3	2.8	15.8
910	600	Framlington	900	920		15.7	1.7	23.8
135	108	Frost Gp	132	137	+2	7.1	5.3	14.5
233	183	GT Management	230	235	+3	4.3	1.8	17.6
210	75	Goode Durrant	175	180	●-2	3.6	2.0	25.4
16	620	Henderson Admin	11⅞	11½		22.1	1.9	22.8
230	153	ICH	224	227	-4	12.9	5.7	10.0
484	330	MAI	490	493	-1	25.0	5.1	10.4
11½	220	M & G	272	275	●-2	7.5	2.7	20.2
408	252	Mercantile House	330	335	●-7	20.0	6.0	6.3
147	124½	Pacific Inv Tst	143	144	+½	0.5	0.3	
63½	27½	Do Warrants	61½	63				
196	148	Smith New Court	158	159		10.0	6.3	7.8

COMMODITIES



Aluminium remains in the firm bull trend. Yesterday LME stocks fell by 8,825 tonnes to 94.475-the lowest level for 5½ years. *This stabstic demonstrates increasing tightness* and validates the squeeze on LME April dates. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
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HEAVY FUEL OIL

Mar	86.50-87.5
Apr	85.00-86.5
May	79.50-unq.
Vol:	1

GAS OIL

Mar	141.00-40.75
Apr	142.00-41.75
May	141.25-41.00
Jun	143.00-40.25
Jul	143.00-40.00
Aug	148.00-38.00
Sep	148.00-38.00
Oct	148.00-38.00
Nov	148.00-39.00
Vol.	3879

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Mar	163.8-63.0
May	170.4-70.0
Aug	173.4-73.0
Oct	176.2-75.6
Dec	181.0-78.0
Mar	182.8-82.4
Vol:	2000

COCOA

Mar	1309-08
May	1340-39
Jul	1367-68
Sep	1392-90
Dec	1417-16
Mar	1445-43
May	1464-63
Vol:	2704

COFFEE

Mar	1529-525
May	1529-525
Jul	1550-542
Sep	1570-565
Nov	1600-590
Jan	1635-625
Mar	1650-600
Vol:	3752

SOYABEAN

Apr	125.0-23.5
Jun	114.5-13.0
Aug	110.3-10.0
Oct	110.8-10.5
Dec	112.5-12.0
Feb	115.5-15.1
Apr	119.0-16.0
Vol:	130

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	922.0-923.0
Three Months	924.0-924.5
Vol	13100
Tone	Easier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	887.0-890.0
Three Months	899.0-902.0
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	298.0-299.0
Three Months	299.0-300.0
Vol	1025
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	481.0-482.0
Three Months	475.0-476.0
Vol	4025
Tone	Irregular

SILVER LARGE

Cash	355.0-356.0
Three Months	364.0-365.0
Vol	4
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	355.0-356.0
Three Months	364.0-365.0
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	859.0-860.0
Three Months	850.0-851.0
Vol	3150
Tone	Easy

NICKEL

Cash	2460-2465
Three Months	2475-2480
Vol	42
Tone	Barely Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 23

GB: Cattle, 93.24p per kg lw (+0.77)
GB: Sheep 176.98p per kg* (+1.33)
GB: Pigs, 76.58p per kg lw (+0.71)
*est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 6.0 %, ave. price, 93.52p(+0.93)
Sheep nos. up 15.2 %, ave. price, 177.76p(+0.79)
Pig nos. down 4.1 %, ave. price, 76.69p(+0.74)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 0.8 %, ave. price, 91.24p(-0.29)
Sheep nos. up 21.6 %, ave. price, 173.66p(+3.97)
Pig nos. up 1.8 %, ave. price, 77.17p(-1.92)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	96.3	96.3
Apr	95.5	95.8
Jun	95.8	95.8
Aug	94.8	94.8
		Vol: 0

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	95.5	95.5
Apr	97.5	97.0
Jun	98.0	98.0
Aug	97.5	97.5
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	117.40	115.50
May	118.85	117.65
Jul	121.00	unq
Sep	99.80	99.75
Nov	101.85	100.90
Jan	104.75	103.65

Vol. Wheat 483
Barley 95

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Apr	150.0	155.7
May	169.0	172.8
Nov	89.0	89.0
Feb	97.5	97.5
		Vol: 1359

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Apr 87	797.0-790.0	793.0
Jul 87	682.0-675.0	682.0
Oct 87	798.0-790.0	798.0
Jan 87	820.0-810.0	827.5

Vol: 353 lots *Open intst: 2414*
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
851.5 up 1.5 on 20/2/87

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Nervous start to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end March 6. §Contango day March 9. Settlement day March 16.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 22

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Lee Cooper	Drapery, Stores	
2	Miles 33	Electricals	
3	Hutchsn Whampoa	Industrials E-K	
4	Barratt Devs	Building, Roads	
5	Preedy (Alfred)	Drapery, Stores	
6	DDT Group	Electricals	
7	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
8	Beale (John)	Textiles	
9	Avana	Foods	
10	Warrington (T)	Building, Roads	
11	Lookers	Motors, Aircraft	
12	Ibstock Johnsen	Building, Roads	
13	Turriff	Building, Roads	
14	Magnolia	Industrials L-R	
15	Braithwaite Grp	Industrials A-D	
16	Billam (J)	Industrials A-D	
17	Hill Samuel	Banks, Discount	
18	Baker Harris	Property	
19	Barham	Industrials A-D	
20	Baker Perkins	Industrials A-D	
21	Bowthorpe	Electricals	
22	King & Shaxson	Banks, Discount	
23	Christy Hunt	Industrials A-D	
24	Travis & Arnold	Banks, Discount	
25	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
26	Banro	Industrials A-D	
27	System Designers	Electricals	
28	Campari	Leisure	
29	Carclo Eng	Industrials A-D	
30	Micro BS	Electricals	
31	Brent Walker	Leisure	
32	Atlantic Comp	Electricals	
33	Bristol	Newspapers	
34	Abbey	Building, Roads	
35	Bulmer (H P)	Breweries	
36	Ferranti	Electricals	
37	Devenish (J A)	Breweries	
38	NMC Inv	Industrials L-R	
39	UEI	Electricals	
40	Electronic Mach	Electricals	
41	Thorn EMI (aa)	Electricals	
42	Johnston	Industrials E-K	
43	Coline Intl	Electricals	
44	Brunning	Paper,Print,Adv	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £16,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1986 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
100	94¼	Exch	2½% 1987	99⅛ ●	..	2.5	
99⅞	95¼	Exch	10½% 1987	99⅛	..	10.6	11.036
100⅛	94⅛	Fund	6½% 1985-87	99½	..	6.5	9.962
101⅛	95⅞	Treas	10% 1987	98⅞	..	10.0	10.273
99¼	93¼	Treas	3% 1987	98½	+⅛	3.0	7.364
104½	94½	Treas	12% 1987	101⅛	..	11.8	10.031
99¾	93	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	98⅛	..	7.9	9.551
104⅛	93⅞	Exch	10½% 1988	100⅜	..	10.4	9.816
102¾	93⅞	Treas	C9¾% 1988	98⅞	..	9.8	9.771
95	91⅛	Treas	3% 1978-88	95	+⅛	3.2	7.148

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

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Capitalization £		Company	Price last Friday		Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
380	268	Royl Bk Scot (aa)	318	322	-4	15.4	4.8	8.0
635	581	Schroders	790	805	-2	15.4	1.9	15.3
894	420	Stand Chart (aa)	753	768	-2	46.4	6.1	9.3
102	72	TSB (aa)	77½	78½	● -½	6.1	7.8	5.6
818	638	Union	755	765	● -3	57.1	7.5	8.8
39½	21	Wells Fargo	37½	.	+1			
340	225	Wintrust	335	345	● ..	8.0	2.4	18.8

BREWERIES

Capitalization £		Company	Price last Friday		Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
384	291	Allied-Lyons (aa)	373	375	● -7	14.5	3.9	17.1
861	265	Bass (aa)	843	850	-6	24.3	2.8	15.6
76½	22	Belhaven	74	76		1.0	1.3	38.1
145	87	Boddingtons	138	140	-1	4.8	3.5	17.5
808	375	Brown (Matthew)	550	565	● -2	20.0b	3.6	19.3
171	57	Buckleys	140	143		4.3	3.0	32.9
183	142	Bulmer (H P)	180	185	● +12	7.7	4.2	18.8
750	410	Burtonwood Brew	682	690	● +1	15.4	2.2	22.8
515	405	Clark (Matthew)	495	502	● +½	12.1	2.4	17.2
234	128	Devenish (J A)	218	222	+1	3.9	1.8	30.4
220	166	Greenall Whitley	215	217	-1	7.9	3.7	13.0
332	185	Greene King	313	315	-2	8.4	2.7	17.9
355	262	Guinness (aa)	308	310	● -8	11.6	3.8	11.7
648	473	Hardys & Hansons	643	650	● +2	26.7	4.1	14.2
91	66	Highland Dist	73	75	-1	3.1	4.2	14.3
147	138	Invergordon Dist	139	141	● -1	6.8	4.9	8.9
288	180	Irish Distl	195	200	●	6.0	3.0	
120	77	Marston Thompson	119	120	-½	3.3	2.8	17.1
430	353	Morland	403	415	● -2	10.0	2.4	19.9
288	131	SA Breweries	270	278	+15			
279	178	Scot & New (aa)	228	230	-1	10.3	4.5	13.9
583	350	Vaux	560	565	+1	17.9	3.2	19.3
321	227	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	310	313	-4	11.5	3.7	14.4
325	248	Do 'B'	320	325		11.5	3.6	14.9
291	210	Whitbread Inv	282	285	-2	11.0	3.9	36.5
432	282	Wolverhampton & D	288	290	s -2	7.0	2.4	16.3
330	195	Young A	307	317	+2	11.4	3.7	21.5

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Capitalization £		Company	Price last Friday		Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
245	109	Abbey	225	236	● +5			
268	191	Aberdeen Constr	220	224	-1	11.8	5.2	20.5
321	215	Amec	316	318	-2	16.4	5.2	17.2
45	25	Anglo Utd	41	43	● +2	2.2	5.2	
110	52	Arncliffe	90	100	● +5½	2.3	2.4	21.6
280½	123	Atwoods	280	281	● +11½	7.1	2.5	21.5
663	328	BPB Ind (aa)	645	648	-1	14.3	2.2	19.1
730	57	Baggeridge Brick	150	160	s +9	12.5	8.1	4.2
59	22	Bailey (Ben) Constr	57	60	+6	0.4	0.7	11.8
187	116	Barratt Devs	174	177	+2	11.8	6.6	18.4
193	121	Bellway	192	196		10.7	5.5	10.2
286	134	Berkeley Gp	282	287	+12	3.2	1.1	31.4
83	61	Bett Bros	81	85	● +1	4.6	5.5	22.9
14½	875	Blockleys	14	15	..	38.6	2.7	20.3
727	526	Blue Circle	686	692		30.0	4.3	9.8
286	233	Breedon&Cloud Hill	276	296	● +1	14.6	5.1	27.1
108	73	Br Dredging	102	105	+2	4.3	4.1	19.0
30	14½	Brown & Jackson	13½	15	-½			37.2
72	67	Brownlee	66	72		3.8	5.4	35.5
181	80	Bryant	164	166	-1	6.1	3.7	11.4
27	7	Burnett & Hallam	17	16	+2			1.9
88	50	Cakebread Robey	80	85	+2	4.7	5.7	13.7

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ELECTRICALS

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Capitalization £		Company	Price last Friday		Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
260	138	Auto Sec	230	235	-3	2.3	1.0	15.9
370	253	BICC	310	312		15.7	5.0	17.6
138	73	BSR	114	117	-3	2.5	2.2	7.7
167	118	[illegible]	180	163	● ..	4.9	3.0	14.7
152	25	Borland	110	115	+2			
679	375	Bowthorpe	675	682	+4	10.5	1.5	23.4
167	75	Britannia Security	165	167		2.1	1.3	18.2
275	188	Br Telecom (aa)	243	245	● -2	11.2	4.6	18.2
111	73½	Brown Boveri Kent	105	108		5.0b	4.7	10.2
18½	11	Bulgin (AF) A	17	18		0.1e	0.6	31.3
243	158	CAP Group	190	192	● +1	2.3	1.2	24.2
150	62	CASE	83	87	-1			7.1
395	277	Cable Wireless (aa)	383	385	● -3	7.2	1.9	21.0
318	195	Cambridge Elec	277	280	● -1	10.5	3.8	16.8
75	37	Chloride	73	74	+1½			17.3
342	113	Do [illegible] CPF	292	295	+9			
196	111	Cowie Intl	193	198	● +1	3.9	2.0	19.8
395	303	Comcap	377	387		2.4	0.6	19.0
356	259	Cray Elect	353	358	● +2	6.0	1.7	27.8
279	140	Crystalate	272	275	●	3.3	2.7	15.0
178	115	DDT Group	147	152	+2	1.7	1.1	13.0
79	49	Dale Elect	70	72	● +1½	4.3	6.1	23.5
245	143	Dataserv	187	192	-1	1.0	0.5	
46	32	Dewhurst	36	38	●	1.7	4.5	10.8
52	35	Do 'A'	34	37	●	1.7	4.7	10.3
420	282	Domino	413	423	● -2	3.3	0.8	24.2
54	42	Dowding & Mills	53	54½	+2	2.3	4.3	14.0
212	130	Dubilier	174	178	● -2	4.4	2.5	16.6
18½	4	Eagle Tst	18½	18½	-¼			
484	352	Electrocomponents	480	485	+8	9.4	1.9	23.4
85	46	Electronic Mach	60	65	+2	1.0	1.6	86.3
61	42	Electronic Rentals	53	54	● -½	4.6	8.6	14.7
355	235	Emess Lighting	352	355	● -5	8.9b	2.5	19.7
374	265	Eurotherm	360	367	● -3	7.1	2.0	18.9
119½	47	FKI Elect	119	119½	+5½	1.3	1.1	35.6
233	147	Farnell Elect	221	225		3.6	1.6	22.0
144	90	Ferranti	124	127	+6	2.5	2.0	21.0
87	24	Forward Tech	83	86	+2	1.0	1.2	35.6
236	160	GEC (aa)	219	221	● +1	6.3	2.9	13.7
150	93	Grosvenor	110	140				
114	75	Highland Elect	97	99	+1	3.6	3.7	12.9
153	45	IBL	88	93	+6	1.7	1.9	12.6
358	225	Int Signal & Control	275	278	-1	1.0	0.4	
315	177	Jones Stroud	308	318	● ..	12.9	4.1	11.7
305	90	Kode	300	310	+7	17.1b	5.6	63.7
296	220	Lec Refrigeration	250	255	..	17.9	7.1	9.8
270	133	Logica	268	273	●	1.4	0.5	29.1
423	270	MK Elect	382	386	-2	15.9	4.1	14.0
264	125	Macro 4	262	265	● +4	1.4	0.5	32.9
400	115	Memec	290	297	-3	4.3	1.5	22.7
110	52½	Micro BS	97	102	+2	0.7e	0.7	15.5
250	80	Micro Focus	85	95	-2			
508	335	Microgen	500	510	●	11.4	2.3	20.2
265	132½	Miles 33	260	270	+10	2.1	0.8	19.1
457	238	Mitel	3½	4½	..			
73	34	Multitone Elect	57	62	..	0.1e	0.2	45.1
65	39	Murray Elect	52	55	..	0.3	0.6	84.4
313	238	Newmark (Louis)	275	290	●	20.0	7.1	10.6
109½	74	NEI	77½	78½	-1	7.5b	9.6	11.2
48	9	Oceonics	27	29	-1			5.7
590	376	Oxford Instruments	412	415	● -4	2.9	0.7	17.9
189	150	P-E International	152	165	+2	4.0	2.4	
31	18	Precom	24½	25½		0.7b	2.8	12.4
161	93½	Philips Fin 5¾%	96	99		575	5.9	
17½	13	Philips Lamps N/V	15		+¼			
267	160	Pilco	240	250	-3	8.2	3.3	12.6
197	120	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	155	163	-1	8.2	5.1	8.3

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Capitalization £		Company	Price last Friday		Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
177	128	Sirdar	137	140	-4	7.4	5.3	10.2
79	49	Smallshaw (R)	72	75	+3	3.9	5.3	6.7
42½	14	Stoddard 'A'	41½	43	+½			
188	132	Textured Jersey	153	156	● +2	8.6	5.5	8.8
410	278	Tomkinsons	367	377		5.7	1.5	17.9
136	87	Tootal	131	132	-1½	5.9	4.5	13.7
350	220	Yorklyde	260	280	+5	10.0	3.7	8.4

TOBACCOS

Capitalization £		Company	Price last Friday		Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
568	444	BAT (aa)	543	545	-4	18.4	3.4	14.2
158	123	Carroll	137	142	+2			
325	155	Rothmans B	237	239	+1	10.0	4.6	7.7

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*373)	300	83	88	102	1	1½	5
	330	55	63	80	1½	8	13
	360	30	45	53	7	15	23
British Gas (*76)	60	17	20	23½	½	1	1
	70	8½	12½	16	1¼	3¼	4½
	80	4	7½	10½	6¾	9	9½
British Airways (*106)	100	13	17	22	3	7⅜	9
	110	8	11½	17	8	13½	15
	120	4	7	12½	18	22	24
BP (*724)	700	50	72	—	15	20	—
	750	20	45	65	40	48	57
	800	7	25	38	78	80	82
Cons Gold (*756)	700	80	94	114	15	32	47
	750	47	70	90	34	50	67
	800	22	45	62	67	77	102
Courtaulds (*408)	330	87	93	109	1½	3	8
	360	59	67	89	3	7	12
	390	37	50	71	10	16	19
	420	20	35	50	25	29	34
Com Union (*346)	300	49	58	63	4	9	11
	330	27	36	44	13	17	21
	360	16	24	32	33	36	39
Cable & Wire (*384)	325	67	—	—	1	—	—
	350	44	—	—	5	—	—
	360	—	52	68	—	13	20
	390	19	32	45	20	30	33
GEC (*220)	180	44	53	59	1	2	4
	200	26	35	44	3	6	10
	220	12	21	28	10	12	16
Grand Met (*494)	390	113	—	—	1	—	—
	420	83	100	113	1	3	6
	460	45	65	78	3	9	13
	500	21	40	50	17	27	33
ICI (*1403)	1250	165	195	215	12	25	37
	1300	115	160	180	20	38	55
	1350	85	135	150	30	50	70
	1400	57	99	102	57	80	90
Land Securities (*359)	300	65	70	79	1	2	3
	330	35	42	52	2	7	10
	360	15	26	35	12	17	21
Marks & Spen (*208)	180	33	37	42	1	3	5
	200	17	24	29	5	9	13
	220	6	12	17	16	21	24
Shell Trans (*1051)	1000	60	82	107	25	30	40
	1050	37	55	82	57	62	72
	1100	15	38	60	97	98	107
Trafalgar House (*315)	280	45	53	63	3	6	9
	300	28	35	47	6	14	18
	330	15	24	34	24	28	33
TSB (*79)	70	10	12½	15	1	2½	2½
	80	4½	7	9½	4½	5½	6½
	90	1	3	—	13	13½	—
Woolworth (*772)	700	90	110	130	4	15	22
	750	58	78	85	23	35	45
	800	25	40	55	50	60	70

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Beecham (*534)	420	118	132	135	1	3	6
	460	78	93	103	2	7	12
	500	43	58	73	6	17	23
	550	13	32	45	22	35	42
Boots (*267)	260	29	35	40	1½	6	7
	280	19	26½	29	7	13	17
	300	9	17	23	20	25	28
BTR (*314)	280	38	47	57	2	8	11
	300	20	33	43	5	14	18
	330	6½	20	28	23	29	33
Bass (*847)	750	110	125	145	1½	10	13
	800	65	95	115	7	17	30
	850	19	65	67	20	40	50
Blue Circle (*690)	650	50	62	77	10	18	25
	700	20	38	53	25	37	45
	750	8	18	30	67	75	82
De Beers (*955)	850	115	145	170	10	27	45
	900	85	115	140	18	40	60
	950	55	95	125	40	60	85
	1000	25	65	110	80	105	120
Dixons (*372)	300	76	88	98	1	2	4
	330	46	64	74	3	9	12
	360	24	42	50	10	18	22
GKN (*348)	280	69	72	78	1	3	4
	300	49	52	58	1½	6	9
	330	23	32	40	5	12	16
	360	12	20	25	20	25	29
Glaxo (*1498)	1250	265	305	330	2	12	22
	1300	215	260	290	4	17	30
	1350	165	220	250	7	27	40

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Glaxo continued	1400	120	180	215	13	37	60
Hanson (*166)	120	46½	—	—	½	—	—
	135	31½	38	39½	1	2	3
	150	17½	23½	29	2	4½	6½
	165	7½	14½	20	6	11	12
Jaguar (*616)	500	118	135	142	1	2	5
	550	68	90	107	1	9	13
	600	33	55	75	9	25	30
Thorn EMI (*580)	460	125	140	148	1	2	2
	500	85	103	110	2	4	6
	550	38	60	77	6	17	20
	600	14	32	45	30	35	40
Tesco (*446)	390	65	73	95	2	3	9
	420	40	62	75	5	10	18
	460	13	28	45	20	27	30
THF (*214)	180	38	44	50	1	2	4
	200	20	28	37	3	9	15
	220	8	19	27	13	18	23

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Brit Aero (*676)	600	87	105	—	7	15	—
	660	58	77	97	18	25	32
	700	32	47	68	45	47	55
BAT Inds (*543)	420	127	143	—	1	1½	—
	460	87	105	—	2	5	—
	500	55	73	—	12	18	—
	550	28	45	67	35	37	48
Barclays (*555)	500	60	75	—	7	13	—
	550	38	42	60	25	33	37
	600	12	20	38	60	62	65
Brit Telecom (*244)	200	50	57	—	2	3	—
	220	34	40	47	4	6	10
	240	20	26	34	9	15	18
Cadbury Schwpps (*256)	240	28	40	46	11	17	20
	260	19	28	33	21	27	38
	280	12	22	—	35	40	—
Guinness (*308)	280	47	57	67	7	15	18
	300	28	47	55	18	23	25
	330	18	30	40	33	37	40
Ladbroke (*436)	390	53	68	—	4	9½	—
	420	37	47	62	15	20	25
	460	20	28	38	35	45	47
LASMO (*184)	160	33	40	—	5	8	—
	180	18	29	34	12	15	20
	200	8	19	24	24	26	31
Midland Bank (*625)	550	80	90	—	5	13	—
	600	45	60	—	27	32	—
	650	23	38	50	55	57	65
P & O (*625)	550	80	92	—	6	13	—
	600	47	62	78	22	30	40
	650	20	37	47	48	55	65
Racal (*246)	200	50	60	—	2	8	—
	220	34	44	52	5	11	14
	240	18	30	36	12	18	23
RTZ (*755)	650	130	145	—	5	9	—
	700	92	107	120	12	22	30
	750	57	77	90	32	47	54
	800	28	50	64	62	72	80
Vaal Reef (*88)	80	14½	18½	20	4	6	8
	90	6½	12	13	8½	11½	12
	100	3½	6½	—	17	18½	—

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Lonrho (*263)	200	65	68	—	1½	1½	—
	220	45	49	54	2	3	5
	240	27	34	37	2½	6	9
	260	9	20	24	7	13	18
	280	3½	10	14	19	22	25

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£106)	102	$4\frac{9}{16}$	$4\frac{7}{16}$	$4\frac{15}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	½
	104	$2\frac{9}{16}$	$3\frac{1}{16}$	$3\frac{9}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{7}{16}$	$\frac{15}{16}$
	106	½	$1\frac{1}{16}$	2¼	⅝	1⅝	1⅝
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£117)	110	6¾	7⅜	8¼	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{7}{16}$	1
	112	$4\frac{15}{16}$	$5\frac{9}{16}$	6¾	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{13}{16}$	1½
	114	$4\frac{3}{16}$	4¾	5½	$\frac{1}{16}$	$1\frac{7}{16}$	2⅝
	116	$1\frac{15}{16}$	3¼	4⅝	$\frac{1}{16}$	2	3
	118	$\frac{3}{16}$	$2\frac{5}{16}$	—	$1\frac{1}{16}$	3⅝	—
	120	$\frac{1}{16}$	1½	—	3⅜	4⅜	—

	Series	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
FT-SE Index (*1960)	1675	275	290	305	—	1	2	1	—
	1700	250	265	280	—	1	2	2	—
	1750	200	218	237	—	1	4	7	—
	1800	150	175	195	212	1	8	15	20
	1850	100	135	157	167	2	18	28	38
	1900	52	977	120	135	6	30	40	55
	1950	20	62	88	110	27	48	60	85
	2000	6	38	63	85	60	75	85	110

February 23, 1987. Total contracts 45645. Calls 34450. Puts 11195. *Underlying security price.
FT-SE index. Calls:1584. Puts:1068

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Br Airways (aa)	107	-3
British Gas (50p) (aa)	75½	+1½
Cap & Regional (65p)	67	
Daniels S (130p)	193	+3
Dale Group (110p)	125	-1
Fletcher King (175p)	188	-2
Gaynor (94p)	121	
Geest (125p)	220	
Glentree (18p)	50	
Gordon Russell (190p)	237	+1
Halls Homes (95p)	155	+7
Harmony *Leisure (23p)*	29	
Hornby (100p)	91	+1
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	181	+2
Johnson *Fry (150p)*	185	+2
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	27	
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	191	+16
Logitek (65p)	78	-3
Lon & Metro (145p)	203	
MIL (144p)	163	+1
Mayborn (102p)	118	-3
Nobo (152p)	155	
Northumbrian Food (60p)	83	
Plum Hldgs (90p)	122	
Spandex (170p)	245	+1
Sumit (135p)	138	
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	112	
TSB Group (100p)	78	-½
Virgin (140p)	141½	-½
Ward Group (97p)	122	+2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglia TV N/P	75	-1
Burgess N/P	41	
Cookson N/P	75	-3
Cannon St N/P	24	
Walker (Alfred) N/P		
Wiggins N/P	38	

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 27	May 28	Jun 8
Mar 2	Mar 13	Jun 11	Jun 22

Call options were taken out on: 23/2/87 Smith & Nephew, Wellcome, Hampton Trust, Brent Walker, F Usher, British Gas, British Securities, Mellarware, Rotaprint, Palabora, *Property Trust*, Peek Holdings, Steetley, Norfolk Capital, Abaco Investments, Saunders & Sidney, Dares Estates, Pollymark, Ryan Intnl., THF, B Elliott, Birmid, BBA, CASE Group, Atlantic Resources, Scottish & Newcastle, Cifer, CES, Downiebrae, *Bula* Resources, J Williams, Magnet & Gen., Burton, Amstrad, Chloride, London & Northern, Edmond Holdings, Hayward Williams, Sound Diffusion, A Guinness, Quest Automation, *Glanfield Lawrence, Polly Peck, Marley, Standard & Chartered, Burndene, Johnson* Group. Puts: Wellcome, Silentnight, Glaxo. Put & Call: British Telecom.

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11¼ Low 10
Week fixed: 11¼

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth $10\frac{9}{16}$	2 mnth $10\frac{7}{16}$
3 mnth $10\frac{7}{16}$	3 mnth $10\frac{5}{16}$

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth $10\frac{27}{32}$-$10\frac{25}{32}$ 2 mnth $10\frac{11}{32}$-$10\frac{7}{32}$
3 mnth $10\frac{5}{16}$-$10\frac{3}{16}$ 6 mnth $9\frac{13}{16}$-9¾

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth $11\frac{5}{32}$ 2 mnth $11\frac{5}{32}$
3 mnth $10\frac{15}{16}$ 6 mnth $10\frac{7}{16}$

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11¾ close 10¾
1 week 11½-11⅛ 6 mnth 10⅝-$10\frac{9}{16}$
1 mnth $11\frac{7}{16}$-11¼ 9 mnth 10⅝-$10\frac{9}{16}$
3 mnth $10\frac{11}{16}$-10⅝ 12 mth $10\frac{9}{16}$-10½

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11 7 days 11
1 mnth 11 3 mnth 10½
6 mnth 10¾ 12 mth 10¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11¼-11 2 mnth $10\frac{27}{32}$-$10\frac{9}{16}$
3 mnth 10¾-10⅝ 6 mnth 10¾-10⅝
9 mnth $10\frac{13}{16}$-$10\frac{11}{16}$ 12 mth 10¼-10

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11¼-11⅛ 3 mnth $10\frac{9}{16}$-$10\frac{7}{16}$
6 mnth $10\frac{9}{16}$-$10\frac{7}{16}$ 12 mth $10\frac{7}{16}$-10¼

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.30-6.25 3 mnth 6.40-6.35
6 mnth 6.35-6.30 12 mth 6.40-6.35

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days $5\frac{15}{16}$-5⅞ call 6½-5¾
3 mnth $6\frac{7}{16}$-$6\frac{5}{16}$ 1 mnth 6¼-6⅛
6 mnth $6\frac{7}{16}$-$6\frac{5}{16}$

Deutschmark
7 days $4\frac{1}{16}$-$3\frac{15}{16}$ call 4¼-3¼
3 mnth 4⅛-4 1 mnth 4⅛-4
6 mnth $4\frac{7}{16}$-$4\frac{5}{16}$

French Franc
7 days 8½-8¼ call 8¼-7½
3 mnth $8\frac{11}{16}$-$8\frac{9}{16}$ 1 mnth $8\frac{9}{16}$-$8\frac{7}{16}$
6 mnth 8¾-8⅝

Swiss Franc
7 days 3¾-3½ call 1½-½
3 mnth $3\frac{15}{16}$-$3\frac{13}{16}$ *1 mnth* $3\frac{11}{16}$-$3\frac{9}{16}$
6 mnth $3\frac{15}{16}$-$3\frac{13}{16}$

Yen
7 days 4¼-4⅛ call 4½-3¾
3 mnth $4\frac{5}{16}$-$4\frac{3}{16}$ 1 mnth 4¼-4⅛
6 mnth 4⅛-4

BULLION

Gold:$403.50-404.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 406.00-409.00 (£263.00-265.75)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 96.50-97.50 (£62.50-63.75)
Platinum
$ 516.50 (£335.15)
Silver
$ 5.4800-5.4850 (£3.5550-3.5700)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme *IV* Average reference rate for interest period January 1, 1987 to January 30, 1987 inclusive: 11.098 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 87	89.69	89.69	89.61	89.63	1916
Jun 87	90.19	90.27	90.12	90.24	2461
Sep 87	90.27	90.38	90.25	90.38	124
Dec 87	90.33	90.38	90.33	90.39	150
Mar 88	N/T	—	—	90.30	0
Jun 88	N/T	—	—	90.17	0
Previous day's total open interest 18544					
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous day's total open interest 32135		
Mar 87	93.59	93.61	93.56	93.57	1988
Jun 87	93.66	93.66	93.60	93.62	3250
Sep 87	93.64	93.64	93.61	93.61	244
Dec 87	93.55	93.55	93.52	93.52	81
US Treasury Bond			Previous day's total open interest 4715		
Mar 87	100-03	100-05	99-24	99-26	2744
Jun 87	99-03	99-04	99-00	98-29	32
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	97-30	0
Short Gilt			Previous day's total open interest 86		
Mar 87	N/T	—	—	100-30	0
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt			Previous day's total open interest 19110		
Mar 87	118-10	118-28	118-04	118-18	20874
Jun 87	118-17	119-04	118-15	118-27	2424
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	118-22	0
Dec 87	N/T	—	—	118-26	0
FT-SE 100			Previous day's total open interest 4575		
Mar 87	197.30	197.80	195.40	195.50	1144
Jun 87	200.70	201.00	200.00	199.00	97

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 68.7 (day's range 68.4-68.7).

OTHER STERLING RATES	
*Argentina austral**	2.1577-2.1769
Australia dollar	2.3065-2.3099
Bahrain dinar	0.5770-0.5810
Brazil cruzado*	27.2965-27.4516
Cyprus pound	0.7390-0.7490
Finland markka	6.9700-7.0100
Greece drachma	204.50-206.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.0129-12.0122
India rupee	19.80-20.00
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4240-0.4280
Malaysia dollar	3.9120-3.9170
Mexico peso	1540-1590
New Zealand dollar	2.7963-2.8033
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7400-5.7800
Singapore dollar	3.3003-3.3041
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3567-6.4948
S Africa rand (com)	3.1900-3.1955
U A E dirham	5.6200-5.6600
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES	
Ireland	1.4565-1.4585
Singapore	2.1420-2.1430
Malaysia	2.5390-2.5405
Australia	0.6675-0.6680
Canada	1.3310-1.3320
Sweden	6.4825-6.4875
Norway	6.9800-6.9850
Denmark	6.8925-6.8975
West Germany	1.8275-1.8285
Switzerland	1.5450-1.5460
Netherlands	2.0660-2.0670
France	6.0850-6.0900
Japan	153.48-153.58
Italy	1299.0-1300.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.87-37.92
Hong Kong	7.7965-7.7975
Portugal	140.60-141.10
Spain	128.60-128.70
Austria	12.85-12.87

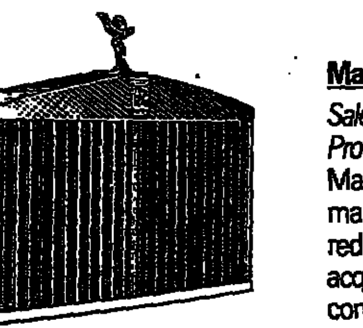
Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

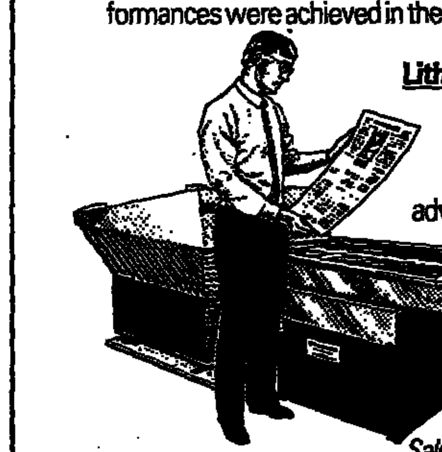
	Market rates day's range February 23	Market rates close February 23	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5360-1.5425	1.5415-1.5425	0.56-0.53prem	1.51-1.48prem
Montreal	2.0413-2.0554	2.0525-2.0554	0.61-0.52prem	1.51-1.39prem
Ams'dam	3.1606-3.1915	3.1871-3.1914	1⅝-1¼prem	4-3⅝prem
Brussels	57.89-58.60	58.42-58.54	16-12prem	39-32prem
C'phgen	10.5499-10.6580	10.6333-10.6556	⅝prem-1dis	par-2dis
Dublin	1.0521-1.0595	1.0576-1.0586	21-28dis	84-99dis
Frankfurt	2.7975-2.8235	2.8194-2.8235	1⅝-1½prem	4¾-4prem
Lisbon	215.67-218.45	217.51-218.42	70-155dis	320-440dis
Madrid	197.09-198.85	198.55-198.83	24-48dis	77-117dis
Milan	1987.83-2009.88	2003.96-2009.88	2prem-par	1prem-2dis
Oslo	10.6943-10.7728	10.7504-10.7728	2⅜-3⅛dis	10⅜-12½dis
Paris	9.3185-9.4015	9.3847-9.4015	1⅝-1¼prem	4⅜-3⅝prem
St'khlm	9.9437-10.0065	9.9889-10.0062	14prem-⅝dis	⅝-2⅛dis
Tokyo	235.82-237.05	236.82-237.01	1⅝-1prem	3⅝-3⅛prem
Vienna	19.65-19.85	19.82-19.85	9½-8⅝prem	28⅝-25⅝prem
Zurich	2.3654-2.3878	2.3832-2.3878	1⅝-1½prem	4-3½prem

RECORD PROFITS AND THREE MAJOR ACQUISITIONS

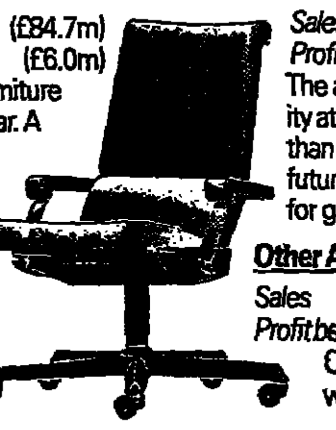
In 1986 sales rose from £611.2m to £691.8m and pre-tax profit by 20 per cent from £45.1m to £54.0m. The Board has recommended a final dividend of 9.0p per £1 Ordinary stock, making a total of 15.0p for the year, net of tax credit, compared with a total of 13.0p for 1985.



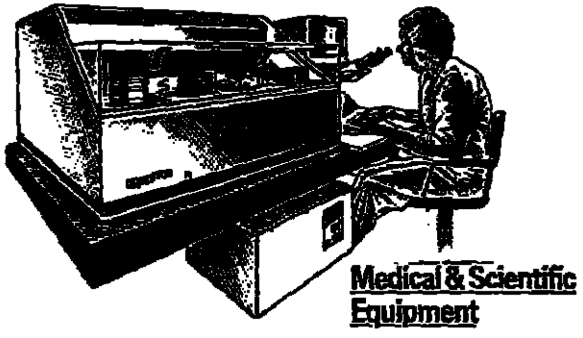
Rolls-Royce Motor Cars
Sales **£175.1m** (£175.8m)
Profit before interest **£17.5m** (£16.4m)
A year of considerable development with revised specifications for both Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars and an increase in worldwide unit retail sales of over 9%. Particularly notable performances were achieved in the UK and Europe.



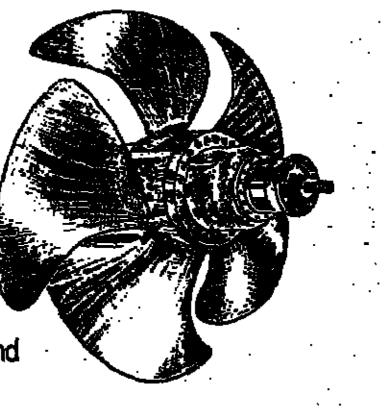
Lithographic Printing Plates and Supplies
Sales **£135.4m** (£118.2m)
Profit before interest **£17.5m** (£11.0m)
Reaping the benefits of one of the most advanced manufacturing plants in the world, Howson-Algraphy had an outstanding year, increasing sales and profits in all major markets. Particularly good performances were achieved in the USA, Canada and Sweden.



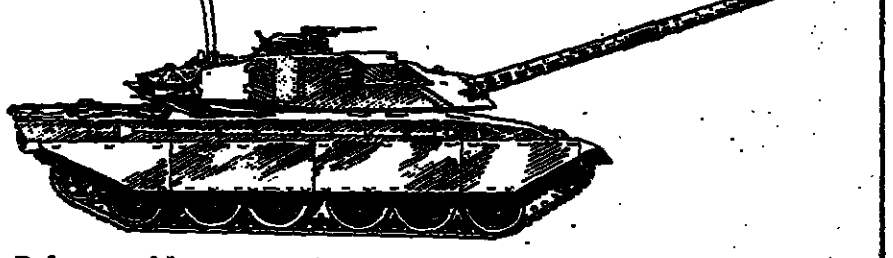
Business Furniture
Sales **£106.2m** (£84.7m)
Profit before interest **£6.4m** (£6.0m)
Following the acquisition of Comforto in 1985, Business Furniture consolidated its position and increased profits during the year. A substantial investment programme is underway to improve further production efficiency and quality.



Medical & Scientific Equipment
Sales **£49.6m** (£34.4m)
Profit before interest **£4.7m** (£4.0m)
Our Medical and Scientific Equipment Division had a steady year, limited in the latter sector by the depressed semi-conductor industry. However, the acquisition in October of Air-Shields, the world leader in neonatal equipment, consolidates our strong position in the medical sector and augurs well for 1987.



Marine Engineering
Sales **£87.6m** (£70.6m)
Profit before interest **£1.3m** (£4.3m)
Marine Engineering suffered from declining markets and experienced a considerable reduction in profit from 1985. However the acquisition of KaMeWa, the world's leading controllable pitch propeller company, has enabled us to restructure our marine activities and we anticipate improvement in 1987.



Defence and Aerospace
Sales **£82.8m** (£69.5m)
Profit before interest **£9.2m** (£6.0m)
The acquisition by Defence Systems of the Royal Ordnance tank facility at Leeds gives Vickers a greater range of armoured fighting vehicles than any other company in the world, and offers good prospects for the future. Vickers Precision Components, manufacturers of components for gas turbine engines, reported much improved results for the year.

Other Activities
Sales **£49.6m** (£36.5m)
Profit before interest **£3.1m** (£1.5m)
Other activities improved their performance. At the year end, plans were announced for the Design & Projects Division to be merged into a joint company in which Vickers will hold a 30% interest.

RESULTS IN BRIEF

	1986 £m	1985 £m
Sales	691.8	611.2
Profit before taxation	54.0	45.1
Profit after taxation	39.3	33.7
Dividends	15.2	12.4
Per £1 of Ordinary Stock		
Earnings	40.7p	36.3p
Dividend	15.0p	13.0p

Prospects
Three major acquisitions in 1986 strengthened our international presence within their respective divisions and, together with strong organic growth, the Company views the prospects for 1987 with optimism.

Vickers

The full Report and Accounts will be available on 23rd March 1987

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The A.G.M. will be held at 12 noon on 23rd April 1987 at Millbank Tower.

Law Report February 24 1987

Foetus cannot bring case against mother

C v S
Before Mrs Justice Heilbron
[Judgment February 23]

A foetus of eighteen weeks *en ventre sa mere* was incapable of maintaining an action through the father as next friend to seek an injunction against the mother in order to prevent the termination of her pregnancy.

The father had no *locus standi* to bring proceedings based on his personal interest by alleging that the proposed termination encompassed a threatened crime concerning the life of a child as the court had received no proof that a crime was about to be committed.

Mrs Justice Heilbron, sitting as an additional judge in the Queen's Bench Division, giving judgment in open court after a hearing in chambers, dismissed proceedings brought by the first plaintiff, an unmarried father, on his own behalf and as the next friend of the second plaintiff, a child *en ventre sa mere*, seeking to prevent the termination of the first defendant's pregnancy. The second defendant, Oxfordshire Area Health Authority, took no part in the proceedings.

The plaintiffs appealed and went immediately to the Court of Appeal.

Section 5 of the Abortion Act 1967 provides: "(1) Nothing in this Act shall affect the provisions of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929 (protecting the life of the viable foetus)."

Mr Gerard Wright, QC and Miss Tonya Pinsent for the first and second plaintiffs; Mr Peter Sheridan, QC and Miss Caroline Harry Thomas for the first defendant; Mr Allan Levy as *amicus curiae*.

MRS JUSTICE HEILBRON said that a single girl who was 18 weeks' pregnant and under severe mental stress desired an abortion. Two doctors had signed the necessary certificate required by the terms of the Abortion Regulations (SI 1968 No 390). The termination had been arranged for February 23.

Mr Wright had produced a wealth of authority from far and wide to support his submission that an unborn child could be a party to the suit. However, her Ladyship agreed with the view expressed by Sir George Baker, President, in *Paton v British Pregnancy Advisory Service Trustees* ([1979] QB 276) that a foetus, in English law, could not have a right of its own at least until born and having a separate existence from the mother.

In *Paton*'s case the question of the plaintiff's *locus standi* both as a husband and father was considered. It was pointed out by the President of the Family Division that the Abortion Act 1967 had not given to the father the right to be consulted in respect of a termination of pregnancy.

Mr Wright had not argued to the contrary but submitted that the present case was distinguishable because the termination of the girl's pregnancy was a potential criminal abortion in contravention of section 1 of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929.

Mr Wright relied upon the affidavit of Mr Norris, an eminent obstetrician, that "an unborn child of eighteen weeks gestation were it to be delivered by hysterectomy would be live born".

The affidavits of the eminent obstetricians were important. They indicated the wide difference in the thinking and the interpretation of the language used in the 1929 Act. Those words were "capable of being born alive". Mr Wright had submitted that that was a much more restrictive concept than "viability".

The questions when life began; when a foetus was capable of being born alive were complex questions. The case was concerned with the meaning of the phrase "capable of being born alive" in the 1929 Act.

The phrase was ambiguous as shown by the differing points of view disclosed in the affidavits. In *R v Handley* ((1874) Criminal Law Cases 79) Mr Justice Brett had directed the jury that a child was considered to have been "born alive" when it existed as a live child, that is, breathing and living by reason of its breathing through its own lungs alone, without deriving any of its living or power of living by or through any connection with its mother".

That direction was similar to the definition given by Professor Newton, who, in an affidavit for the mother, stated that a foetus of eighteen weeks was unable to breathe and could not be placed on a ventilator.

Her Ladyship found that the statement of Mr Norris that every eighteen week foetus was inevitably capable of being born alive was unacceptable.

However, it was not necessary to decide on affidavit evidence the answer to that profound question. In her Ladyship's opinion the view expressed by Mr Norris was not realistic.

Turning to the alleged criminality — an injunction of the nature sought should not issue on uncertain or conflicting evidence. The alleged offence was a penal one and attracted a penalty of life imprisonment.

It was said that the unknown doctor who would terminate the pregnancy must know that the foetus could be born alive within the definition contended for by the plaintiff and that the doctor would be guilty of child destruction.

On the other hand, there was a wide body of also eminent medical opinion that found the opinion of Mr Norris unacceptable. Her Ladyship was satisfied that a potential crime had not been proved. The applications would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Gamlens for Clifford Poole & Co, Salford; Edwin Coe & Calder Woods for Rigby, Loose & Mills, Birmingham; Official Solicitor.

Embassy memo is privileged

Fayed v Al-Tajir
Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Mustill
[Judgment February 19]

Where a diplomatic or embassy document, originating from the ambassador, was the property of the embassy in this country of a friendly sovereign state, was an inter-departmental memorandum on embassy paper addressed by one embassy official to another, both acting within the course of the official duties, and its publication took place within the embassy, it was the subject of an absolute privilege and could not be made the subject of a libel action.

The Court of Appeal so held, in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Muhammed Fayed, from an order dated February 21, 1986, of Lord Justice Stocker, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, whereby the judge dismissed the plaintiff's claim for damages for libel contained in a memorandum dated September 7, 1982, sent by the defendant, Mr Mahdi Al-Tajir.

The defendant was, just before his second appointment as the ambassador, the head of the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in the United Kingdom. The memorandum was addressed to the counsellor, who was being recalled to Abu Dhabi, with copies to the charge d'affaires and to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Abu Dhabi.

It was sharply critical of the plaintiff. It was disclosed on discovery in the action and was before the judge on the hearing of the plaintiff's action.

The judge decided that the memorandum was subject of absolute privilege.

Mr David Eady, QC and Mr Stephen Suttle for the plaintiff; Mr E.C. Evans-Lombe, QC, Mr Geoffrey Shaw and Lady Hazel Fox for the defendant

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL said that if there was immunity from liability, it must rest on public policy, described as "comity".

Here, there were matters which provided an important background to any consideration of the problem, even though not pointing unequivocally to a solution, namely that (i) the law of nations, as reflected in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Privilege, treated embassy documents as sacrosanct, and (ii) there were situations in which the English court would find it inexpedient to investigate the actions of a foreign state or legislature, even though they fell within its formal jurisdiction.

The court was, here, faced with conflicting aspects of public policy: the need to confine to an absolute minimum any curtailment of the right of a litigant to bring an action for recompense in respect of a wrong committed in England, and the need to confine to an absolute minimum any meddling by the English court in the affairs of a foreign sovereign.

In general, it would seem that the latter consideration should prevail, unless there was some general objection or in the circumstances of the present case and there were none here.

Lord Justice Kerr gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson agreed.

Solicitors: McKenna & Co; Fox & Gibbons.

Acquittal by justices was a nullity

Regina v Cardiff Magistrates Court, Ex parte Cardiff City Council

Where a defendant was tried and acquitted by magistrates for an offence which was triable either way but for which he had not been put on his election as to method of trial, the proceedings were a nullity because of the failure to comply with provisions of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice McNeill) so held on February 18 in granting an application for an order of *certiorari* to quash the acquittal by Cardiff Magistrates Court of James T. John of an offence contrary to section 89(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

MR JUSTICE McNEILL said that there could be no doubt that to proceed as the magistrates did was a failure to comply with section 17 of the 1980 Act: see *R v Tottenham Justices, Ex parte Arthur's Transport Services* ((1981) Crim LR 180).

Due to an error in law by the magistrates the defendant was acquitted and the council applied for judicial review. In the circumstances an application for *mandamus* ordering the magistrates to state a case for the opinion of the Divisional Court was strictly inappropriate as the proceedings were a nullity.

The correct order would be an order for *certiorari* to quash the acquittal so the summons could be reheard after the defendant had been put to his election. In the circumstances the court was persuaded that it should use its discretion to order *certiorari*.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

Cool response to plan for keyboard 'nursery'

Government plans to create a new generation of computer-literate children are drawing little enthusiasm from either the information technology industry or the educational establishment.

Last October, the Education Minister, Kenneth Baker, launched the City Technology Colleges scheme, which calls for 20 to be established in deprived areas of England.

The new colleges — for 11 to 18 year-olds — are intended to provide a curriculum rich in computer sciences and technology in an attempt to boost the numbers of new information technology workers available in Britain by the year 2000.

The unusual aspect of the plan is that the Government is asking private business to donate £1 million to establish each college and all that is offered in return is an increased chance for the companies to recruit suitably qualified school leavers.

EDUCATION

By Robert Harding

But many computer companies are rejecting the Minister's plea for help and companies such as DEC and IBM are already making it clear that they wish to support the existing educational system rather than the CTCs.

"DEC has told me that they feel they are already doing enough in the existing educational system," Kenneth Baker admitted.

"But I am getting strong support from other sectors of industry — right across the board. I think we will be able to open the first two colleges by September 1988."

But Mr Baker also has to quell the storm of protest building within the Local Education Authorities. Their main concern is that the government is attempting to sift gifted 11-year-olds out from the general population promoting elitist schooling.

"There's nothing wrong with creating centres of excellence," insists Mr Baker. "There will have to be some form of aptitude testing for the children who are to enter these colleges as we want children who have particular aptitude for technology, but we don't want the schools to be selective in the way that grammar schools are selective."

The main practical problem to the scheme pointed out by the teaching profession is that existing secondary schools already suffer from a drastic shortage of experienced teachers of computer science, maths, physics and other technology subjects.

Local Educational Authorities see the potential for a devastating brain drain away from state comprehensives as the best teachers opt to move across to the new colleges where their subjects will be treated with reverence. Mr Baker has a radical idea for combatting this problem.

"I've had many letters from retired teachers, especially those who have worked in inner city areas, and they tell me that this is the sort of thing that they would be prepared to come back to teaching to do.

Kenneth Baker: "Aptitude tests for children"

"In addition, last year, there were more new students entering training to teach subjects such as maths and physics and I'm confident there won't be a problem with a drain away of talent from existing schools."

"There are many parents who would like to send their children to private schools but who are unable to afford it. The City Technology Colleges will provide a much needed alternative."

The Department of Education makes it clear that though it will be supplying the annual running costs of the new colleges after private enterprise has supplied part of the start-up capital, there will not be a resultant reduction in the amount of financial support offerred to existing maintained schools.

It is not yet clear where the first of the CTCs will be established, but the DES expects all 20 to be open by 1990.

Northern sites suggested include Newcastle, Middlesborough, Hull, Leeds, Bradford, Coventry, Manchester and Liverpool and in the south the cities of Bristol, Plymouth, Portsmouth and Southampton have been selected.

London sites earmarked for consideration include North Peckham, Notting Hill, Hackney and Newham.

So much space for so little

If the *Which Computer* Show is a shop window for the UK computer industry the time has come to put it in a smaller shop.

It is not simply that last week's show was dominated by foreign-owned multinationals — even in the absence of the likes of IBM, Data General and others. It is rather that the dominant ideas and technological developments were also imported.

Opening the show, the Trade and Industry Secretary, Paul Channon, made the wearily familiar comment about Britain being better at innovation than at exploitation of ideas, adding that he believed "we're getting better at exploitation".

He also indicated that the Government had given up hope of any significant UK influence over the current generation of information technology (IT), preferring to look ahead of European joint ventures and initiatives that will deliver the next generation.

THE WEEK

By David Guest

Mr Channon spoke of the increasing popular awareness of information technology and of the Government's role in promoting the use of technology. Asked whether he would prefer foreign IT to no IT at all, he said: "Do we have to choose?" The evidence of the exhibition suggests that the market has decided.

For anybody scouring the exhibition for British initiatives, the most visible candidate would have been Sir Clive Sinclair and his £230 portable microcomputer, the Z88. Even this is tainted — a US processor and so many Far Eastern components that the inventor described its price at one stage as "yen-dependent".

Alan Sugar's Amstrad seemed to have the best-attended stand, but Amstrad's success is an unusual triumph of exploitation and marketing. Much of the technology, the components and the manufacturing have their source overseas.

Purely British products included the sensible and the bizarre. There were frosted perspex acoustic hoods for printers, to keep the noise level down and to keep prying eyes out. There was computerized astrology. Neither is likely to propel the UK back to the forefront of technology.

The larger British microcomputer companies are gathered around the IBM PC standard, some boldly ahead of it, others sheltering discreetly in the baggage train. Jarogate, Comart and Apricot are three who have moved ahead with the Intel 80386 processor.

In this area there were at least three fashionable items to have on your stand at this year's show; a micro powered by an Intel 80386 processor, a laptop portable micro, and a desktop publishing system.

Apricot burnt its fingers with portables two years ago, but it demonstrated an 80386 and desktop publishing; Jarogate also had these two elements; Comart confined itself to an 80386 micro. The fashions, the technologies, and the components are mainly US or Japanese.

The derivative nature of many of the British exhibitors' products reflects badly on the UK's reputation.

The basic building blocks of modern microcomputers are almost all produced overseas, and in many cases the systems are assembled overseas.

Perhaps it should come as no surprise that research and development skills are also, apparently, emigrating — but it bodes ill for the next generation of technology.

Big push for new services

By Geof Wheelwright

The Government — through the Department of Trade and Industry's Vanguard programme — is embarking on a new push to publicize and popularize British value added and data services such as Telecom Gold and Prestel.

The campaign kicks off this month with the announcement that the scheme — jointly funded by the DTI, British Telecom, IBM, ICL, Istel and the Midland Bank — will be selling a promotional video about such services.

The biggest problem seen is that many people still have not a clue what the value added services are for and how they can benefit business. Value added and data services are designed to allow computers — from micro to mainframe — to communicate with each other in such a way that messages can easily be sent between them via a central storage computer dialled over the phone line while smaller corporate computer systems can have access to the vast libraries of specialist and general information held on a central computer.

The problem for the latter services have been convincing companies that they should pay more than £1 a minute for such information when libraries charge little or nothing for their services. The answer, say the suppliers, is that you are paying for both the efficiency and convenience of receiving data on a computer.

Rival lines up to take on Prestel

British Telecom's Prestel service is about to face its first big rival in the viewdata market. A new and more technically advanced system is being prepared, primarily for the business sector.

Epnitex uses Prestel-type viewdata graphics, but also offers facilities for text editing and the ability for firms to run their own viewdata systems.

The planned service is an offspring of Timefame, run by Roy Norman, which used to be an information provider on Prestel. The two parted company after a dispute over the areas that Timefame was allowed to cover. Mr Norman has hinted that Timefame might start its own service.

Large businesses are seen as a prime target using their own closed user groups (CUGs) on the system. A company could, for example, put all its main dealers and distributors into a CUG and supply them with product information. Response frames are provided for ordering. The pages are also "live" — they are updated as you read them.

VIDEOTEXT

By Steve Mansfield

The big selling point for companies, however, is Epnilink, which will connect different offices or branches with a localized communications system.

Epnitex initially has its eye on potentially lucrative vertical markets with sections planned such as EpniCity, EpniFarm and Epnilaw.

Roy Norman: "We're ready to go now, technically"

The system has electronic mail facilities, more advanced than Prestel, with features like word wrap, text insertion, and graphics editing.

Though potentially more advanced than Prestel, there is a cost for the improvements — business users will have to pay £300 a year, which gives them round-the-clock access. Educational users pay £125, but can go on the system only after 1 pm.

Epnilink comes more expensive. The base system costs £3000 a year, with an extra £1000 a year for each additional branch.

No firm date has been set for the launch. Mr Norman says: "We're ready to go now, technically. There are several large IPs who have expressed interest."

Epnitex has the problem of going up against well-established systems such as Prestel, Telecom Gold and One-to-One. But it offers special features that may be enough to pull in the large clients it needs.

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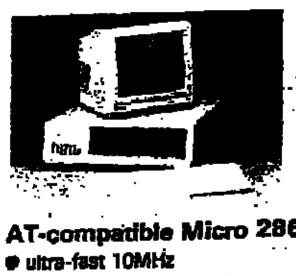

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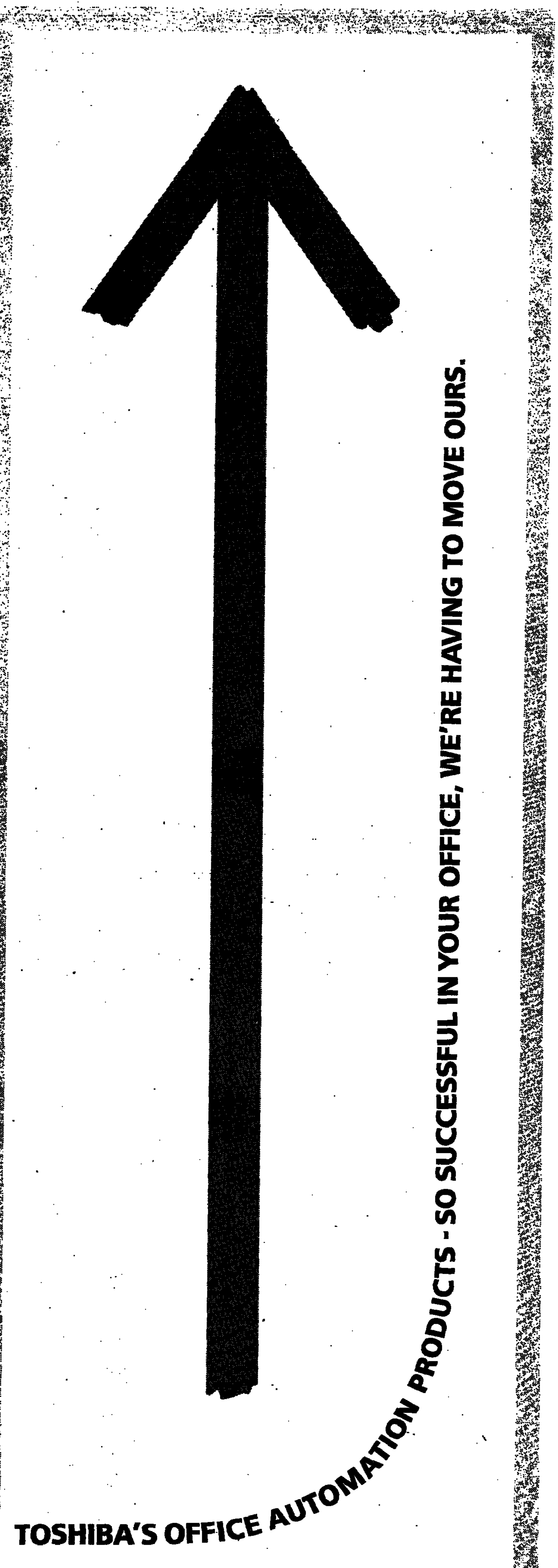

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Revolution that has yet to take women with it

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

Of all the professions, one would think that the computer industry, with its fresh attitudes developed during the period of increasing acceptance of equal opportunities, would contain a reasonable proportion of women in its ranks – and in senior positions. But though there are signs of gradual improvement, some of the problems present in other industries remain, especially in computer management.

There are certain barriers yet to be broken down.

Yet even some of the awkward working problems caused through having children and being able to work only part-time, can be overcome, as in the case of F International, the computing services company, whose 1,100 staff comprise 94 per cent women, 70 per cent of whom work part-time from home.

This unusual working pattern has certainly not been a hindrance to the success of F International.

This year the company, with a 1985-86 turnover of £9.1 million and 50 per cent of its clients in *The Times* top 100 companies, celebrates its 25th year in business.

Founded by Mrs Steve Shirley on the premise that women skilled in computing can still play an important role, even if they can work only part-time from home, the company has used computer communications technology itself as an essential operational link.

Indeed, Mrs Shirley believes that in some areas – project management, for example – women have proven more effective.

Another area that women appear to be better at than men, according to Steve Hutchins, of the specialist recruitment company, Knowledge Advance, is knowledge engineering, the skill involved in developing Expert systems and set to be an important factor in the next era of computing. Work in knowledge engineering carries salaries of £18,000 to £35,000 a year.

In theory, salaries for women should equal those for men at relative levels of responsibility. There are no signs that this is not the case throughout the computer industry. Progression into the more senior post, does, however, seems to be more difficult for women.

Rick Allison, managing director of Greenfield Human Resources, said: "Generally, my impression is that women are featuring more strongly in computing. At the less senior levels, say programming, about 25 per cent of our job applicants are women, but far fewer women appear to apply for, or reach, positions such as data-processing manager."

Mr Allison believes this may be because women tend to be less mobile than men, staying put once they have established themselves in a job.

"They appear to be competitive within the job, but not in job-hunting," he says. "They are less likely than men to jump for money, though they can earn high income in sales, for example.

"More women are moving into sales now and they appear to have the aptitude, but there still appears to be some resistance to them, so their presence is not pronounced as yet. There are, though, a lot of women moving into sales support roles."

Mrs Steve Shirley, founder of F International, a computing services company. In some areas, she says, women have proven themselves more effective than men

Only about one in every 100 women achieves progress into computer-management roles often as senior analysts and project leaders, according to Cathy Norton, who together with her husband runs Harrogate-based recruitment company, Ivor Norton Management Services.

But there are glaring differences between the North and the South, she explains. "There appears to be less bias against women in the south of England," she said. "Women there seems to have overcome male dominance.

"If we are recruiting in the South – the M4 corridor for example – we can expect a 30 per cent response from women. In the North, few women apply for computing jobs, although those that do are usually as experienced and capable as the men.

"Generally there are not as many women in the computer profession as in the South, but one of the differences could be the greater need for women in the South to continue work after having children as the financial demands are greater than in the North."

Some bastions of male dominance, such as the City, are now disappearing, but Cathy Norton considers that northern attitudes to women in computing still have some way to go before they change. "Women are not getting the promotion they deserve," she said.

"Some women with capability are being overtaken by men with less experience. When this happens they are afraid to complain as it looks like sour grapes and will also make future employers think they are troublemakers.

"There are a number of reasons firms give for being against women, from the feeling that an attractive woman in management is disruptive to male staff to the automatic presumption that any woman who is promoted will immediately become pregnant."

Though well-paid management positions are certainly possible, it could be worth evaluating the attitude of the company at an early stage to ensure the promotion ambitions will not be frustrated at a later date.

One thing about the computer industry however is that the opportunities are still probably better for women than in many of the more traditional industries, where women have only recently begun to be employed.

Events

- **Dexpo Europe**, *Olympia 2, London, March 3-5, (01-486 1951)*
- **Computers in Retailing**, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, March 11-13
- **Intro Recruitment Fair**, Bloomsbury Crest Hotel, March 13-14, (0491 681010)
- **Cadcam 87**, Metropole Hotel, National Exhibition Centre, Brimingham, March 24-26, (01-608 1161)
- **Electronic Printing and Publishing & Info 87**, Olympia, London, March 24-27 (01-647 1001)
- **Comdex International**, Nice Exhibition Centre, Nice France, June 16-18, (010-33 14 788 5048)

Essential mission operational data – at the touch of a button

Army gets its flying orders

Life should be easier for Army helicopter pilots with a new computer system ordered for the Army Air Corps. Called MICS (Mission Information Computer System), it provides air crew with essential mission operational data – navigation, target area and communication codes – at the touch of a button. About 300 systems have been ordered for the helicopter squadrons of the Army Air Corps, *writes Frank Brown.*

With such data usually available only on paper, the new system should save time, and reduce the crew's workload, particularly at night, enabling it to devote more time to their flying duties.

The system uses a portable computer in which the mission software and operational data is held on plug-in memory modules whose programs and data are loaded from a small land-based computer at the combat unit's HQ, before each mission. MICS was developed by SHL of New Malden, Surrey, a company jointly owned by CAP and Westland Helicopters.

Super-chip first for the RT

By David Sanger

IBM last week became the first personal computer maker to put the innovative one-megabit memory chip in one of its desktop machines – a precursor of some major technological changes expected in the computer giant's products.

Until now the chips, which store more than a million pieces of data on a tiny slice of silicon, could be found only in advanced mainframe computers and other extremely expensive products. But IBM said that it was including them in a new version of its RT Personal Computer. IBM UK has announced three new versions of the RT in Britain, where it is known as the 6150.

Company officials where the megabit chip is made at IBM's central semiconductor fabrication plant in the US, said the move was part of a broader effort to increase the machine's speed and greatly lower its manufacturing cost.

The use of the megabit chip, combined with the consolidation of logic chips, allows the RT Personal Computer to use only one plug-in circuit board, compared with four on the previous model.

The technology advancements appear to be the first of several in the next few months, as IBM struggles to get out of one of the worst downturns in its history. In an interview ealier this month Jack Kuehler, IBM's head of large systems manufacturing and technology development, said that the megabit chip – the most advanced memory chip on the market – would be included in the next generation of standard IBM-PCs, expected in April.

Breaking the 'memory barrier'

And Paul Castrucci, the plant manager at the Burlington semiconductor operations, said the company had already shipped megabit chips "in the millions" to its only customer: IBM's computer manufacturing plants.

Analysts said the introduction of the megabit chip in some of IBM's least expensive products indicated that the PC would undergo important changes.

The company seems certain to break the "memory barrier" of the five-year-old PC models, which can store no more than 640,000 bytes in their internal memory.

That figure is expected to rise to well over 10 megabytes, or 10 million bytes, allowing software developers to produce far more complex programs for the machines.

At least one of the new computers is also expected to run on an Intel 80386 microprocessor, making it a far more powerful machine.

IBM said that it had put an improved 32-bit microprocessor in the RT Personal Computer, a machine intended for scientists and others with high-performance needs, that should double or triple its operating speed.

That move appears to be much-needed: the RT has sold surprisingly slowly, in part because it is viewed as underpowered when compared with advanced work stations made by companies like Apollo Computer.

IBM also announced two new software packages for its mid-range office computers, whose sales are among the lowest in the company.

Award for the software robot

■ A British product described as "the world's first software robot" has won a Design Council award. Automator is put on to an existing program disc and can learn how to carry out tasks that usually require an operator by recording the manual instructions. It can then duplicate operations such as acessing a mainframe from a PC automatically and be triggered by one key stroke, timer or even a pre-arranged screen message.

Other examples include transferring files at night or automatically interrogating a mainframe at 9 am every Monday to produce a report on previous week sales. Automator has sold 5,000 copies since the company's launch 18 months ago with a quarter being sold to the US.

■ Compaq Computer introduced a high-powered portable computer at the *Which Computer* Show last week that is smaller and lighter than the company's earlier models. The new Portable III uses the same 80286 microprocessor as IBM's AT desktop computer, but should run nearly 50 per cent faster.

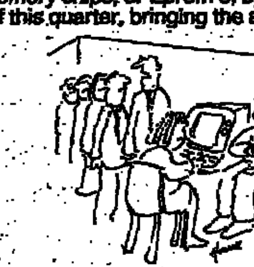
It has a gas plasma display screen and a variety of optional hard disc drives. In designing Portable III, which weighs 18 lb and requires an external power source, the company avoided the increasingly competitive market for lightweight laptop computers. Instead, it will be competing with the likes of Toshiba's T3100 portable introduced last year.

Though powerful, it is a functional rather than visually attractive machine and prices are high – from £3,250 to £4,400.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

■ In an attempt to control mounting friction over semiconductor trade, the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry has asked its semiconductor makers to cut production of some computer memory chips by 10 per cent in the first three months of this year. But the ministry cannot force semiconductor makers to comply with their request – to do so could violate Japan's antitrust laws – and semiconductor makers appeared divided on whether they will comply with the request. The ministry said it would ask semiconductor makers to cut production of 256K D-RAM chips and erasable programmable read-only memory chips, or Eprom's, by 20 percent for the remainder of this quarter, bringing the average production rate for January-March down by 10 per cent.

■ AT& T introduced a portable computer last week compatible with IBM's model AT. Though available in Europe for several months as the Olivetti M28, its announcement ends one of the last attempts by manufacturers to ignore the de facto IBM standard for PCs. Among the leading personal computer makers, only Wang and Apple still hold out against selling machines that are fully compatible with the IBM operating standard.



"Is this why they meant by 'a new time-sharing computer system'?"

The move may also indicate the first step toward a full line of Olivetti computers under the AT & T nameplate, including a laptop computer.

■ The computer firm, Wang Laboratories, reacting to a market slump that started soon after its US manufacturing plant in Holyoke was built, is selling the facility and 180 acres of surrounding property. Built in 1982 to assemble circuit boards for Wang and planning to employ 800 people, the plant was never operated at full capacity. A Wang official said the decision to sell the facility – was based on a drop in business.

Wang, which had a $78.6 million loss in January, had announced earlier plans to cut 1,000 employees from its worldwide workforce. The company will cease operations in Holyoke in a few months. Soon after Wang announced it would go to the Massachusetts city, its rate of growth began a significant decline, reflecting an overall drop in the computer industry.

■ A Chinese computer research institute and the Xerox Corporation have opened an electronic printing centre in Peking that uses laser technology and a multilingual computer system to produce documents in most languages, including Chinese. The cooperative venture, which is to be a proving ground for Chinese character processing technology, links the US photocopier and computer giant with the China Computer Systems Engineering Corporation, a part of the Ministry of Electronics Industry.

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In 1983 I held the view that the emerging Expert System technologies could revolutionise mainstream data processing and I set about building the software to bring this about, proving to the world that Britain was not the second rate technology country as the Americans had so eagerly denounced us.

Others joined me and we became one of the largest commercial expert systems development teams in Europe. The result has been the advent of the first and only Transaction Oriented Prolog environment for mainframe computers. This not only provides a new ability to build expert systems on mainframes but it also allows them to be integrated with current applications and databases.

Everyone wants to know how we did it. Well I can tell you, hard work and determination played a major role but we also hired the best people we could possibly find, people eager to learn and then share their know how. We coupled this new knowledge with our experience in online computing and I gave our people the room they needed to get on with it.

Our Expert systems people can now work anywhere in the world . . . they choose to work with Telecomputing because here they know they are on the leading edge of technology. Here they find the room to grow and have their new ideas heard. Here they feel the pride of ownership in share participation knowing each development matters.

Now that we've managed to lead the world in mainframe expert systems we are leading in their deployment. Our consultants, designers and development staff have secured their future in this rapidly growing and exciting new area of mainframe computing. But what about you . . . where is your future heading? What contribution are you making to the future of computing and your career?

By coming with us to Know Ware, you can secure your future in the future of computing. We want people who can contribute to our growth.

I am particularly looking for expert systems consultants but if you think you can bring something else to the party I'd like to hear from you.

What I'll offer you is not only a good salary and fringe benefits but an environment in which it will be up to you to decide your limits.

Write to me, Bernard Panton, tell me where you want to go.

Telecomputing plc, 244 Barn's Road, Oxford OX4 3RW *Telephone:* 0865 777755

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

THE HEALTH EDUCATION AUTHORITY

1. Director of Administration, Finance and Corporate Planning
2. Health Services Director
3. Promotions Director
c. £27,000 – £30,000 pa

The Health Education Council is being reconstituted on a statutory basis as the Health Education Authority. From 1 April the new Authority will take over the Council's functions in England and will later assume responsibility for the national AIDS public education campaign. It will be accountable to the Secretary of State for Social Services.

The Authority is seeking a Chief Executive (advertised separately) and also to fill three other senior posts.

1. Director of Administration, Finance and Corporate Planning

The successful candidate will head a directorate of some 30 staff and have overall responsibility for the administration, financial control and personnel aspects of the new organisation. He or she will be responsible for the annual and strategic planning processes on behalf of the Authority, and will control the budgetary and management accounting systems.

Candidates will be expected to have experience in management, the exercise of financial responsibility, management accounting and budgetary control, and undertaking organisational, operational and strategic planning.

2. Health Services Director

The postholder will control a directorate responsible for providing the professional medical and nursing input to the work of the Authority. He or she will also have charge of the Authority's vital liaison arrangements with the NHS, lead the team responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the organisation's activities and control the Authority's health educational resource facilities.

Candidates should be medically qualified and with a commitment to, and experience of, health education. Experience of managing multi-disciplinary staff within an organisational structure, and of controlling and administering budgets, would be an advantage.

3. Promotions Director

The postholder will head a directorate charged with assisting the formulation of the Authority's promotional policies and with their execution. He or she will be responsible for advising about appropriate promotional media for the various health educational programmes, and will have charge of media advertising, production of published and other promotional material, press and public relations undertaken on behalf of the Authority.

Candidates should have a wide and varied experience in an executive capacity of advertising and promotion. An interest in health education is essential, and some experience of the public sector would be an advantage.

Applications, to include a curriculum vitae and the names of three referees, should be received by **Sir Brian Bailey, c/o Television South West, Derry's Cross, Plymouth PL1 2SP,** the envelope marked "HEA," not later than 8 March 1987.

All these posts are superannuable in the contributory NHS Superannuation scheme. The Authority's offices are in central London. Assistance with relocation expenses may be possible.

Further information will be sent on request.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT
SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

Applications are invited for the following vacancies in:

- ★ A newly established centrally based Departmental Systems team.
- ★ Various finance sections of the Accountancy and Budgetary Control Division - eg Housing, Education, Social Services

DEPARTMENTAL SYSTEMS TEAM

Senior Accountant (1 job) - £12,555-£13,653
(REF PA/30)

Analyst Programmer (Personal Computing)
(REF PA/31) (3 jobs) - £8,391-£12,297

This unit will be responsible for the development of all micro computing applications across the whole department. Analyst/Programmers will assist in the conversion of manual procedures into micro systems. The unit will support and maintain these programs, give sections advice on the use of existing packages, provide a helpline for hardware problems and also be responsible for developing a comprehensive training strategy for employees involved in using micro computers.

FINANCE SECTIONS

Senior Accountant (4 jobs) - £12,555-£13,653
(REF. PA/32)

These jobs will be responsible primarily for the maintenance and development of existing mainframe systems and will give support to Deputy Chief Accountants on general systems work including new systems.

Applicants for Senior Accountants jobs should preferably be qualified and/or have extensive experience of large mainframe financial systems. Experience in the use of one or more of the standard software packages in use in this department (eg Lotus D Base III) would also be an advantage.

Applicants for Analyst/Programmer jobs should have experience in the use of PC DOS. Experience of the use of one or more of the software packages in use in this Department (eg Lotus D Base III) would be an advantage.

Enquiries for all systems jobs to:

John Robinson, Principal Accountant
Telephone : 021-235 4823

Application forms (returnable by March 5, 1987) and job descriptions for all jobs available from: Personnel and Administrative Officer, City Treasurer's Department, Council House, Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 3AB, Telephone: 021-235 2983. Quote job ref.

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COMPUTER APPOINTMENTS

THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

PROGRAMMER/ANALYST

A Computer Programmer/Analyst is required for the School's Computer Unit. The post would suit a recent graduate or someone expecting to graduate in the Summer and offers varied experience in a small, busy, research-orientated Unit running UNIX, at present on PDP-11/44. The successful applicant will have the ability and enthusiasm to tackle a wide variety of computing problems as they arise, but experience in any of the following areas of work would be an advantage: text-processing and graphic systems, networking, the use of microcomputers as intelligent terminals, providing adivce to users of external mainframe services and developing and maintaining UNIX facilities on the PDP-11.

The appointment will be on a fixed term basis in the first instance.

Salary according to the Academic Related IB scale (£8,438-£10,888 inclusive of London Allowance).

Interested individuals should telephone 01-278 8369 for further details or to arrange for an informal visit to the Unit. Written applications in the form of a c.v. and naming two referees should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary, School of Pharmacy, 29/39 Brunswick Square, London, WC1N 1AX.

South Lincolnshire Health Authority
MENTAL HANDICAP SERVICES
FULL TIME CARE STAFF
STAFF NURSE
(RNMH)

Required at
14 Manor Lane, Bourne

14 Manor Lane is part of a new development in Bourne, Lincolnshire providing accommodation for 11 people with mental handicaps.

The person appointed will be required to have commitment to the new philosophies of care within the Mental Handicap Services and to the needs of the residents of [illegible] 14 Manor Lane.

A comprehensive four-week induction course is given to all new staff to familiarise them with the new trends in caring for people with mental handicaps. This is a re-advertisement.

For an application form, job description and informal package, please contact The Personnel Department, Fleet Mental Handicap Unit, Holbeach, Spalding PE12 7AY. Tel: (0406) 22237 ext. 49 (Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Closing date for the receipt of application forms March 6, 1987.

SERVITE HOUSES LTD
AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Servite Houses Ltd, a registered housing association with charitable status, requires an experienced person to join its London & South East Development Department, based in South Kensington.

The post entails administering part of the Association's sizeable newbuild development programme of predominantly sheltered and special needs housing.

Experience of housing association development and familiarity with financing authority procedures is required.

Salary scale £11,114-£12,548. Initial starting salary will depend on qualifications and experience. An essential car user allowance will also be paid and a car loan can be made available.

For job description and application form please contact:

Personnel Assistant
Servite Houses Ltd.,
125 Old Brompton Road,
London, SW7 3RP.
Tel: 01-370 5466.

Closing date for applications: March 6, 1987.

Servite Houses is implementing an equal opportunities policy.

LIBRARY ASSISTANT (Cataloguer)

The Advocates' Library requires an experienced Assistant Librarian to undertake the cataloguing of legal monographs and serials. The successful candidate will have the responsibility of introducing and setting up an on-line system, as well as assessing requirements for conversion of the present card catalogue. Candidates should hold a degree; have qualifications in either librarianship or information science; be familiar with AACR2, UK MARC format, Library of Congress and PRECIS subject headings; and have good experience of automated cataloguing techniques. A knowledge of legal materials or a legal qualification will be an advantage. Salary : as Curator E £8,955 - £11,940 or as Curator F £6,680 - £9,450. Levels of appointment and starting salary will be according to age, qualifications and experience.

The position is offered on the basis of a fixed term contract for five years with the possibility thereafter of renewal of contract terms or pensionable employment. A terminal bonus of 15% of total earnings will be payable on the basis of satisfactory progress. Please write for detailed job description and information as to how to apply to:

The Librarian
THE ADVOCATES' LIBRARY
Parliament House
EDINBURGH EH1 1RF

THE COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CCJ is to appoint a Christian as Executive Director from the summer, to take overall responsibility for its work of encouraging good relations between the two communities.

Full details from CCJ, (ED), 1, Dennington Park Road, London, NW6 1AX, 01-794-8178. Closing date for applications 27th March 1987.

HORIZONS A guide to career opportunities

Magistrates, now hear the word of the law

Magistrates' clerks are not only a guide to the law for the Bench, but also play a wider role in counselling and morale building, says

Joan Llewelyn - Owens

About 98 per cent of all crime is dealt with by lay magistrates or justices of the peace, collectively known as the Bench, or by stipendiary magistrates who are legally qualified and paid a salary. They see both the lad who has been riding a bicycle without lights and the bank robber who has killed a security guard.

However, in cases of murder and other serious crimes, which may not be dealt with summarily, the magistrates do not try the defendant themselves, but decide whether or not there is a *prima facie* case which would justify them in committing him for trial at the Crown Court. Magistrates also have jurisdiction in respect of domestic, juvenile and licensing business.

To advise them on matters of law and procedure, lay magistrates have a justices' clerk, who must normally be a solicitor or a barrister of at least five years' standing. To stand in for him when necessary, he/she has a deputy and court clerks, the number depending on the size of the petty sessional division.

A session of the court is the end result of a great deal of teamwork behind the scenes. The justices' clerk's assistants tackle a varied workload. Probably the layout of no two offices is ever entirely the same. In a large city, where 15 courts may sit in a single morning, there is a greater degree of specialization among the staff than in a small office. But, in city and widely spread country districts alike, the tasks that have to be undertaken always fall into roughly three categories: pre-court work, court clearing, and fines, fees and maintenance.

Transactions must be recorded

The relationship between the justices' clerk and the magistrates depends on mutual respect and awareness of the other's task. As one justices' clerk puts it: "Lay magistrates need professional advice, but advice must never be allowed to interfere with genuine decision-taking by lay magistrates, which is the core of the system." A clerk may draw the magistrates' attention to powers which they may not have thought of, or inform them what penalties are available for certain offences, but must never suggest what the penalty should be. Tremendous diplomacy is required. If magistrates have got the wrong end of the stick, they must be persuaded to grasp the right end withoug being made to feel foolish.

At times the court clerk is the only buffer between the prosecution and the defendant. Apart from being responsible for the smooth running of the court, the clerk must make sure that there is a fair trial and a fair result. When people are not legally represented, it is the clerk's task to see that their rights are fully observed and to explain matters which may not be clear to them.

It is the justices' clerk's duty, too, to keep up with changes in the law and to advise his own staff. His or her time is divided between acting as a court clerk and in the office, and in attending outside committees. He is empowered to grant legal aid, to enforce payment of fines, to supervise the listing of cases in court and the drawing-up of magistrates' rotas.

He covers a huge field of legal activity – everything from murder to licensing of pubs; domestic disputes, juvenile crime, and road traffic. He is also involved very closely with all sorts of people — the social services, fellow professionals, the police, the probation and after-care service, and with hundreds of ordinary members of the public. As an office holder, the clerk to the justices, in carrying out his functions, exercises a wider personal discretion than many civil servants and local government officers.

In one smallish petty sessional division in the Home Counties, the court sits every day. The justices' clerk himself sits in court three days a week if he can manage it, but he is not typical because he is also the training officer for the 800 or so magistrates in the county. As a result, much of his time is spent in preparing material for training courses.

His staff number 16, including a deputy (qualified by long experience in the service) and three court clerks. One of these came in with A levels, as a trainee, then did an A level in law and studied part-time for three years for the Diploma in Magisterial Law. This course, which includes some periods of residential study at Bristol Polytechnic, qualifies the holder to act as a court clerk, though not as a lawyer. However, this particular young woman has now taken the Law Society examinations and should shortly qualify as a solicitor.

This court office is divided into three departments. An office manager looks after the listing office, which deals with pre-court work, and the administration office (clearing up after a court sitting). In the listing office, a senior assistant and a clerical officer do all the paper work, which includes making out the court register with the aid of police charge sheets and details from summonses, and a list of defendants, together with the offences with which they are charged.

They also fix the court date, make sure the right magistrates are sitting for domestic and juvenile courts (one of three magistrates sitting in the juvenile court must be of a different sex from the others), liaise with the Crown prosecution service and the police, and tape-record court proceedings.

"It's a very busy office", one told me. "You have to be completely unflappable. You have to deal with defendants both on the 'phone and in the public area. We often have to calm people down and defuse the situation. And you get parents whose children are before the court, and they can be very distraught. It gives me a great deal of satisfaction if I can help."

Every court session generates more work. Penalties are allocated in the court register. Warrants must be prepared if a defendant has been committed to prison; papers made out in the case of committals for sentence or trial; driving licences appropriately endorsed; fine notices and probation orders made out and cards prepared for new domestic orders.

Great powers of diplomacy needed

Once a fine has been imposed or a maintenance order made out, it is the job of the fines, fees and maintenance department to collect and enforce payment. The turnover of the office I visited is about £250,000 a year, small in comparison with a large city. Money paid in fines goes to the Home Office, and expenses, costs and compensation are paid out to witnesses and others in accordance with the orders of the court. All these transactions must be recorded and accounts balanced. As the main counter is in this office, the staff here have considerable contact with the public, who may come in for advice or to express a grievance.

When taking on clerical or financial staff, magistrates' courts' committees usually look for someone with three O levels or CSE grade 1, but in practice it is often possible to get a job with CSE grade 2, particularly if possessing secretarial, typing or numerical skills. In-service training is given and staff can study part-time for a certificate in magistrates' courts' administration.

● **Copies of A Career in the Magistrates' Courts are available from C2 Division, Room 401, Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT.**

A project with a purpose

Tower House at Leigh-on-Sea is a 10-bedded home with a day care unit for adolescents, most of whom have been rejected by their parents. The emphasis here is on changing attitudes and behaviour so that the young people can return home or be resettled in foster homes.

The day care unit involves group work, for adolescents and parents aimed at preventing adolescents coming into care.

The adolescent unit also provides other divertionary activities for children at risk of coming into care, such as the summer scheme and evening activities.

PROJECT LEADER
£11,604 - £12,297

The successful applicant will have overall responsibility for leading the unit's highly committed Social Workers maximising the use of their many broad skills and available resources. You will also train staff to chair a child care panel to create an environment responsive to the needs of each client.

Supervisory experience, a CQSW and at least four years' post qualification experience including adolescents and their families in a residential setting are considered essential. A good grasp of Social Learning Theory and groupwork will also be needed. Occasionally you will need to be available to staff out of normal hours for consultation and support.

ASSISTANT PROJECT LEADER
£9,216 - £10,164 (£10,923 if qualified)

Responsible to the Project Leader you will assist with the management of the Unit. Your main task will be to develop the work and activity programmes as well as staff supervision/support and training.

CSS/CQSW/CRCCYP and management experience desirable. Experience of working with adolescents essential.

Informal enquiries for both posts to David Nicholls, Principal Officer on (0702) 616311.

RELIEF OFFICER
£8,391 – £9,216 (£9,834 if qualified)

Although based at Tower House you will be required to carry out relief duties at the Richmond Avenue Community Home, South Benfleet and, on occasions at other community homes in Essex.

Responsible for some management and care duties at both establishments you will need to be committed to the care of adolescents whose home life is often unstable. You must also have a sensitive and caring approach to help these young people, preferably reuniting them with their families or at least improving their relationships. Experience in a residential establishment and working with adolescents essential. CQSW or CSS desirable.

Informal enquiries to David Nicholls, Principal Officer — Tower House, Tel: (0702) 616311 — or Mr K Bearman, Officer-in-Charge, Richmond Avenue, Tel: (0268) 759251.

Sleeping-in duties, evening and weekend work are involved for all posts.

Generous relocation expenses may be payable.

Application forms available from Area Organiser of Social Services, Southend Area Office, Queensway House, Essex Street, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. Telephone: Southend 616311.

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ESSEX
County Council

Overseas Employment Opportunities for:

1. PHYSIOTHERAPIST
2. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
3. SPEECH THERAPIST

Requirement:

- ● Diploma/Degree in Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy or Speech Therapy from a recognised College or University.
- ● At least 3 years working experience with disabled children.

Reward:

- ● An attractive remuneration package will be offered.
- ● Accomodation/housing allowance will be provided.

Applicants should write in with comprehensive resume stating current and expected salary and enclosing copies of educational and professional certificates & a passport-size photograph to:

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SPASTIC CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION
OF SINGAPORE
25 GILSTEAD ROAD
SINGAPORE 1130

County Secretariat

Articled Clerk

Salary: £7,000 p.a.

Applications are invited for the post of Articled Clerk to gain experience in a wide range of interesting and responsible legal work in the County Secretary and Solicitor's Office in Chichester.

Applicants should hold a second class honours degree and will be required to have passed the Law Society Final Examinations before appointment to the post in Autumn this year.

For further details please contact: County Secretary (FAO Mrs K Woods), County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RQ. Or telephone 0243 777782.

The closing date for this vacancy is Friday, 6th March 1987.

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RED CROSS NHQ

The International Welfare Department requires a

Caseworker

for a small team carrying out enquiries concerning the whereabouts and welfare of relatives separated by war/disaster, and other enquiries of a compassionate nature. The work is conducted largely by phone/correspondence through the International Red Cross, UK Branches and other organisations, and requires a patient and methodical approach. Experience of counselling and work with refugees/immigrants useful, as well as a knowledge of international affairs and languages.

Salary £9,080; staff restaurant; STL. Please contact Cherry Mill, 01-235 5454 ext. 281. Closing date: 2nd March.

EAST ANGLIAN EXAMINATIONS BOARD

FINANCE OFFICER

A vacancy exists for a Finance Officer primarily to be responsible for the efficient running of the Accounts Section. Salary negotiable around £14,000.

Further details and application form from:

The Secretary,
East Anglian Examinations Board,
The Lindens, Lexden Road,
Colchester CO3 3RL
Tel: 0206 549595

Applications must be received by Tuesday, 3 March, 1987.

WEST SURREY AND NORTH EAST HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY
FRIMLEY PARK HOSPITAL
Camberley, Surrey

Assistant General Manager

(A.& C. Scale 18 or equivalent)
Salary Range up to £14,737 p.a.

Development of General Management in this modern District General Hospital has created a new key second in line post to manage and co-ordinate the services supporting the delivery of patient care by doctors, nurses and midwives. For further information and application form, to be returned by 16th March, contact Robin Lawson, General Manager, Tel. 0276 62121 (informal enquiries welcomed).

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK
DIOCESAN SECRETARY

Applications are invited from full communicant members of the Church of England for this major post, vacant in July 1988. The appointment will be as Secretary - designate from September 1987.

Applicants should have a wide administrative experience including committee work, staff management, policy development and budgeting, and should be able communicators. A knowledge of the organisation and administration of the Church of England is desirable.

The salary will be, for a lay person, within the General Synod Senior Principal Scale or, if ordained, at Archdeacon level with housing and other benefits.

A job description will be available from:

The Personal Assistant to the Bishop of Southwark,
Bishop's House, 38 Tooting Bec Gardens, Streatham, London,
SW16 1QZ.

Closing date for applications : 31st March 1987

OXFORD UNIVERSITY COMPUTING SERVICE
Appointment of Administrator

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the above post, which will become vacant on 1st May.

The Administrator is responsible to the Director for financial and budgetary control, for administrative work in connection with the appointment of certain groups of staff, for the general management of staff, for the care and maintenance of the department's buildings, and for all other aspects of departmental administration.

Salary will be on the Administrative Scale II within the range £12,280 - £15,700 (under review), according to age and experience, with superannuation.

Further particulars of this appointment may be obtained from the Director, Oxford University Computing Service, 13 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6NN. (Tel: 0865-273230) to whom applications including curriculum vitae and the names of two referees should be sent by 17th March 1987.

THE 21ST CENTURY IS HERE!

Only rarely does an opportunity arise to play such a major part in the development of a new enterprise — with the name and backing of one of the world's major industrial institutions, yet enjoying full autonomy and accountability. My client is right out at the leading edge of information technology, with the resources to back up their remarkable vision and the determination to 'make it happen.' Major development programmes include magnetic and optical storage media, electronic imaging, large-area electronic displays, semi-conductor materials and advanced interconnect products. They are now looking for two exceptionally talented individuals, probably in their mid to late thirties, to play a vital role in developing and marketing this 21st Century technology — here and now! A substantial negotiable package, including quality car, awaits the right candidates.

MARKETING MANAGER (R4225)

Your product responsibilities comprise large-area electronic display technology. You will probably have a computer peripherals background in the IT industry and your brief will be to:

- — specify and evaluate new product research and development
- — identify new markets, at home and abroad
- — determine product strategies
- — prepare and execute timely marketing plans
- — establish and maintain close technical and commercial liaison with key customer accounts.

MARKETING SERVICES MANAGER (R4226)

You will already have an impressive track record in managing above and below the line activity in a hi-tech environment. Your brief will be to:

- — create and implement promotional strategies for all the product areas
- — co-ordinate and control all above and below the line activity for the total operation
- — control all PR activity
- — recommend and execute participation at appropriate exhibitions worldwide.

If you have the same vision and drive as my client, contact ROGER LAING quoting reference R4225 or R4226.

Executive Facilities (Marketing) Ltd. Clive House, 21A Conduit Place, London W2 1HS. Tel. 01-258-3621 (24 hours)

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

c £37,000 pa

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The Authority seeks a Chief Executive to control the administration *and execution of its programmes.* He or she will be expected to provide the 30-strong organisation with positive leadership and to contribute fully to the strategic planning of the Authority's work.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate an informed commitment to health education, and the capacity, knowledge and background to promote it effectively. He or she is likely to have a professional interest in health, education, or relevant aspects of communication, but a professional qualification is not essential. Experience in running a multi-disciplinary organisation, and proven ability to control and administer a substantial annual budget, will be looked for. The Authority will have an initial annual budget of over £9m which is expected to be considerably increased when it takes on responsibility for AIDS public education. Ability to work effectively with *professional and voluntary bodies, industrial and commercial undertakings,* Government departments, health and other public service bodies will be important. Understanding and experience of the public sector in general, and the NHS in particular, will be an advantage.

A four-year rolling renewable contract at a salary of £36,941 pa is offered. A higher salary would be considered if necessary for a candidate with exceptional qualifications or experience. Applications, to include a curriculum vitae and the names of three referees, should be received by **Sir Brian Bailey, c/o Television South West, Derry's Cross, Plymouth PL1 2SP,** the envelope *marked* **"HEA,"** *not later than 8 March 1987.*

The post is superannuable in the contributory NHS Superannuation Scheme. The Authority's offices are in central London. Assistance with relocation expenses may be possible.

Further information will be sent on request.

Key posts in revised management structures

Director of Manpower and Development

£16,354—£20,652

This is a new top management post heading up human resource management and accountable at corporate level for the promotion of integrated organisational and management/staff development, change management and co-ordination of the personnel function. Applications would be welcomed from a variety of backgrounds as well as personnel from those wishing to move into this developing field of management.

For informal discussions contact Peter Holt, District General Manager.

Business Managers/ Unit Accountants

Post 1 £14,984—£19,109
Post 2 and 3 £12,018—£14,588

Qualified accountants with potential/experience for wider aspects of management to provide financial support to Unit General Managers and undertake a range of management tasks *if appropriate.*

Further details on all posts from the District Personnel Department, Authority Offices, Macclesfield District General Hospital, Prestbury Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 3BL.
Telephone: Macclesfield (0625) 21000 Ext: 2815.
Application by CV by 3 March 1987.

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THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Public Services

A demanding new post calling for a high degree of management ability, experience of budgeting and financial control and an understanding of modern museum practice, preferably in the fields of science or technology.

As Assistant Director you will be a member of the Museum's senior management group. With a staff of 150, your primary aims will be to develop and sustain an active programme of gallery renewal and to deliver a high quality day-to-day service through the public galleries, interactive displays, and the Education Service.

You will need a sound academic background to at least degree level, preferably in historical or scientific subjects, considerable drive, innovative skills and a flair for presentation.

Salary £25,195 rising to £28,530

Relocation expenses up to £5000 may be payable.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 16 March 1987) write to the Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours).

Please quote ref: G/7139.

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WORK IN LEISURE

PGL offer opportunities to work with children or families for long or short periods as activity (outdoor, sports, creative) instructors, Group Leaders, or in a wide range of supporting domestic and administrative roles at residential activity centres throughout the UK. *Details and application form from:* Application Department

PGL Young Adventure Ltd, [illegible] Station Street, Ross-on-Wye [illegible] Telephone [illegible] 64211

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Salary Scale M

£20,430 - £25,108 p.a.

Following the promotion of the current postholder, applications are invited from highly motivated and experienced financial managers to join the Finance Directorate of this large Regional Health Authority.

This is one of three second-in-line managerial posts supporting the Director of Finance. Applicants who can offer demonstratable records of achievement and have the initiative, ability and confidence to participate in the management of this £930 million turnover Authority should apply.

The possession of a CCAB accountancy qualification is essential.

The successful applicant will head the Division responsible for financial management and the development of financial information systems. This covers the progression of resource management including clinical budgeting and the development and control of supra-Regional and multi-District specialties and services.

The region covers the area of S.E. London and the counties of Kent and East Sussex. There are 15 District Health Authorities differing from inner city areas with social deprivation to the more affluent rural and coastal areas. Three major London Teaching Hospitals are served by this Regional Health Authority.

The Authority's attractive offices are located in the coastal town of Bexhill-on-Sea.

Included with salary is the possibility of good relocation expenses. If you are interested please telephone or write for an information package, job description and application form which are available from the Regional Personnel Department, South East Thames Regional Health Authority, Thrift House, Collington Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN39 3NQ. Telephone (0424) 222555, Ext. 2064/2066.

Ref: 7041.

Closing date: 6th March, 1987.

South East Thames
Regional Health Authority

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Disciplinary point could cost Royals a play-off place

By Nicholas Harling

Alphaprint Royals were anxiously awaiting the outcome of a meeting of the English Basket Ball Association yesterday, which was called to decide their punishment for failing to fulfil Sunday's hurriedly re-arranged home game with HomeSpare Bolton at Hatfield Polytechnic.

Royals were in danger of having a point deducted from their final league total of the season, which would cost them a place in the quarter-finals of the national championship play-offs, scheduled to begin on Saturday with their home match against HFS Portsmouth. If the decision goes against Royals, their place will be taken by Birmingham Heartbeat '86.

Since their usual home court, the Dacorum Centre at Hemel Hempstead, was unavailable, the EBBA had re-arranged the game at short notice. But Royals complained that they did not see why they should play on an unfamiliar court with limited support and revenue.

The saga has been continuing since November 29, the scheduled date for the fixture, which had to be postponed because Royals' Prudential national cup tie with Portsmouth took priority. Bolton's subsequent refusal to obey last month's order by the EBBA to play because most of their players could not get time off work to travel in mid-week, cost them a £100 fine and a point docked. The EBBA then stipulated Sunday's date and venue only to be met, this time, with Royals' objection.

"This has been posing a moral problem," said Andy McGivern, Royals' co-owner, "but we don't see why we should be stitched up because Bolton didn't show up."

Ironically, it was Boltons' 91-83 win over Birmingham on Saturday that had assured Royals of a place in the last eight, regardless of the result, had the Hertfordshire club fulfilled their fixture with Bolton. Royals, who defeated Drapers Tools Solent Stars 100-98 on Saturday, are now contemplating the consequences of their stand on a point of principle.

It has been a hectic time in every respect for Bolton. No sooner had they beaten Birmingham, than the Lancashire club was confirming that they had been taken over. Mike Shaft, the 31-year-old radio presenter with Radio Manchester, who is equally well known for his not-so-objective commentaries of Sharp Manchester United's matches, is buying out Doug Farnworth, the Bolton chairman.

"I'm putting a group of people together to buy it," Shaft revealed yesterday. "I've had two or three chats with Doug and we've come to terms which I'm not going to reveal."

Formerly a fan of Manchester Giants, Shaft could not conceal his dismay when they merged with United. Nevertheless, he took his commentary equipment to Stretford where he has enlightened home supporters, but infuriated the opposition on occasions with his somewhat biased comments.

The disappearance of Giants left him convinced that the area needed another big club, which was why he has stepped in.

Shaft, whose first job will be to find a new sponsor now that HomeSpare's contract is coming to an end, will then try to assure the club of a place in next season's breakaway Basket Ball League. In the process he intends to keep the same nucleus of players and presumably the coach, Roy Blake, who, after six league wins, is Bolton's most successful ever in the first division.

Under threat from intense competition the BBC fight to maintain traditions

Aspirations governed by reality

The relationship between sport and television has never been closer or more controversial. In the first of a three-part series JONATHAN MARTIN, BBC Head of Sport, talks with Ian Edwards, the former ITN sports correspondent

Martin: £40m budget and a determination to keep faith with the BBC way

Television sports coverage is about to go into regression after ten years of unprecedented expansion. That is the assessment of Jonathan Martin, head of BBC television sport for six of the last ten years.

Martin, who at 44 years of age controls an annual budget of almost £40 million, is responsible for about 30 hours of programmes a week on the two BBC networks, or 17 per cent of the Corporation's television output. That already large slice of the cake is unlikely to get bigger, he says, because there is no more air time available.

He wishes there were, of course, because, as a result of television presentation, sports are learning to stage more attractive events as part of their competitive thrust for exposure, and thereby more money.

He acknowledges there is a genuinely-held view in some quarters that even 17 per cent of the BBC's output is a surfeit of sport. "But saying there is too much sport on television is like saying there is too much music on radio," Martin says:

"These are tightening financial times on all sides, and though I dearly wish there were more time, more money and more resources available, we have to be realistic. That means we have to be more selective about coverage, and that we may have to tell some sports we cannot cover them as deeply as before."

Ten years ago there was little snooker, little darts and no bowls televised. The now successful *Ski Sunday* programme was just beginning and motor racing grand prix were haphazardly covered. The growth in popularity of snooker and darts speaks for itself, but Martin says: "We now cover every grand prix; *Ski Sunday* attracted an audience of four million in January, a figure that matched interest in the FA Cup: and instead of using only 13 cameras to cover a major golf championship like the Open, we have had to increase our resources because the viewer now demands to see everything."

As the technological quality of coverage improves, the expectation of a demanding audience increases, and that is matched by the aspirations of the broadcasters themselves.

The success of *Ski Sunday* did not happen overnight. "It started with only a million viewers, and in the same way that it takes a tree to grow strong, what you are seeing now is the result of ten years' investment of hard work."

That is why he promises to keep faith with the BBC way of doing things and why he abhors the American attitude of: "OK, we'll do it — but when the ratings drop, we're out."

As a public service broadcaster, Martin says the BBC has a duty to provide a service for minority viewers, though he does give himself some elbow room to respond to the audience's changing allegiances.

One programme that has caused problems, and even become an embarrassment to the BBC over the last year or so, is *Rugby Special*. It was brought into sharp relief earlier this season when one of the most attractive club matches, that between Neath and Bath, the leading clubs in England and Wales, was relegated to second spot in the programme.

Martin admits that there have even been times when they have covered the wrong game. He partly blames the system of match selection, which is a co-operative effort involving the Four Home Unions. Another fault is its scheduling over the Sunday lunch hour. "But wherever we put it, it doesn't suit some part of the rugby community."

He agrees it needs a fixed time, instead of wandering across the schedules, and that events like the Middlesex Sevens and the Cup Finals need to be shown on a Saturday night. "But all it needs is a little tilt on the tiller," says Martin.

He is much more sanguine about the future challenges the BBC faces, especially from cable and satellite companies like DBS (Direct Broadcast by Satellite) which has promised an initial investment of £500 million. Martin says the competition will be intense, but it can only be to the good of the viewer.

"We will fight to maintain our participation in those areas which we feel are most important to our audience, but we want a policy that makes sense, not just cut-throat competition with our competitors."

One factor that could unbalance his plan is the astronomical sum the new companies might pay to secure exclusive rights to, say, the coverage of Football League matches.

Martin is anxious. "If the strong flex their muscles, the breadth of sports coverage in Britain will diminish, and that will be a great shame. If you are having to pay five or six times more for events that the audience wants to see, there will be less money for the minority-interest programmes.

"I hope we will have time to develop sports like hockey, and even ice hockey. I hate to turn away sports that deserve exposure, but if we have to pay more in future for major events, the service we provide is going to diminish."

Mention of losing contracts led to the question of whether it had hurt to lose British athletics to ITV two years ago. "On the contrary," Martin replied. "It was my biggest slice of luck in six years as Head of Sport. We did not like losing it at the time, but in the end it was over-priced at £2 million a year. If we had retained it, some other programmes would have gone by the board. It does not mean we wanted to turn away from domestic athletics, because our team have good reason to be proud of themselves. But I wouldn't want to be involved in it at just any price."

Martin also casts an eye at the successful Channel 4 *American Football* programme. He admits that the BBC cannot have everything, but warns that the Corporation will be looking at the possibility of transmitting the sport next time it becomes available. He insists, however, that his first loyalty is to British sport. "Faced with a choice, we will support British sports first."

Most of all, he is conscious that he is in the entertainment business. "I love to hear my commentators enjoying themselves, because that's why the crowd goes to sports events. On the other hand, it does not mean hyping-up a dull event, and it is none of our business, either, to introduce the kind of television gadgetry and go to the extreme lengths of sports packaging they have in the United States."

The firm impression is that, as long as he is in charge, the traditional quality of BBC sports programmes is something that will not be compromised.

Tomorrow

John Bromley, the Head of ITV Sport, on the "continuing healthy state" of the independent network

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ICE HOCKEY

Fera first to reach 200-point mark

By Norman de Mesquita

Defeat at Streatham last weekend upset Murrayfield Racers and it was unfortunate for Cleveland Bombers and Nottingham Panthers this weekend that the Racers were determined to atone for that lapse. Coupled with two Dundee Rockets defeats, Racers stretched their Premier Division lead to seven points. The Rockets have three games in hand.

Rick Fera took the individual honours for Racers, his seven goals and four assists taking him past 200 Premier Division points: the first player to reach that landmark this season.

The Rockets were involved in a remarkable game at Whitley on Saturday, the lead changing hands five times before the Warriors prevailed by the odd goal in 21.

On Sunday, at home to Durham, only fine goal-tending by Martin McKay prevented the Wasps from winning more decisively. With the score tied at 6-6, the Cooper brothers each scored a goal in the final two-a-half minutes to give Durham their first away win over a club in the top six.

There was more top-class goal-tending at Streatham where the Redskins gave another good performance in beating Ayr Bruins 6-3. Once again, Neil Browne played a crucial role, scoring twice in the first period when the Bruins threatened to draw level. Fife Flyers maintained their hold on third place with convincing wins over Nottingham Panthers at home and Whitley Warriors away.

First division honours go to Bournemouth Stags, who became the first team to take a point from Peterborough Pirates. The Stags were never headed and it was a goal by Ken McKie with four-and-a-half minutes remaining that brought the Pirates level after they had trailed 7-4 early in the third period.

RESULTS: Heineken League: Premier Division: Cleveland Bombers 5, Murrayfield Racers 9; Fife Flyers 14, Nottingham Panthers 5, Whitley Warriors 11, Dundee Rockets 10; Dundee Rockets 6, Durham Wasps 8; Murrayfield Racers 10, Nottingham Panthers 6; Streatham Redskins 6, Ayr Bruins 3; Whitley Warriors 6, Fife Flyers 9; Solihull Barons 4, Ayr Bruins 8. **First division:** Blackpool Seagulls 9, Glasgow Eagles 15; Slough Jets 14, Irvine Wings 2; Sunderland Chiefs 17, Oxford City Stars 6, Telford Tigers 21, Lee Valley Lions 14; Bournemouth Stags 7, Peterborough Pirates 7; Kirkcaldy Kestrels 19, Oxford City Stars 7; Richmond Flyers 6, Slough Jets 2; Southampton Vikings 17, Trafford Metros 8.

SQUASH RACKETS

Kenyon's miss

Phil Kenyon and Gawain Briars, ranked first and third respectively in the England ratings, have been omitted from the national team for next month's European championships in Vienna. Both were unavailable to train for or take part in the first day of the event. The ICI England squad now comprises Bryan Beeson, Martin Bodimeade, Paul Carter, Neil Harvey, Jamie Hickox and Geoff Williams. The championships will be held between March 18 and 21.

Watson on board

John Watson, who is now back in top-class motor racing with the Silk Cut Jaguar team, competing in the world sports prototype championship, has been made a director of the British Racing Drivers' Club. "I am very flattered to be invited to join the Board," said Watson. "I hope to contribute to the club both on and off the track."

RUGBY LEAGUE

In quest of new stars

By Keith Macklin

Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, has again been adventurous in his selection of a 17-strong squad for the under-21 game against France at St Jean de Luz on March 8. As he searches for rising stars for the senior squad he chooses only three players who have played senior international rugby: Shaun Edwards and two Hull forwards, Andy Dannatt and Gary Divorty. Michael Ford, the scrum half, has played at under-21 level.

POOL: Backs: C Bibb (Featherstone Rovers), P Bishop (Warrington), P Eastwood (Hull), S Edwards (Wigan, captain), M Ford (Leigh), S Irwin (Castleford), P Loughlin, K McCormack (St Helens), D Wright (Widnes). **Forwards:** A Dannatt, G Divorty (Hull), M Dermott (Wigan), P Hulme (Widnes), P Medley (Leeds), N Puckering (Hull), G Sanderson (Warrington), A Tomlinson (Hull).

HOCKEY: GOALKEEPER UNDERSTUDIES HIT BY INJURY BEFORE THEY SET FOOT ON THE FIELD

Cambridge have history on their side

By Sydney Friskin

Oxford will set out at Lord's today to break the sequence of five victories by Cambridge in the annual University match which retains its high place in the sporting calendar.

The event is sponsored for the first time by CE Heath, the international insurance and re-insurance brokers, and the teams will be playing for the Heath Bowl. Also at stake are the three points in the Pizza Express London League which will help to elevate either team from the lower regions of the league table.

The match, however, is a vital link in the growth of a rapidly developing sport, both universities having provided England and Great Britain teams with several leading players.

Cambridge have announced their full team for today, whereas Oxford, because of injuries, have delayed their final selection from a squad of 14.

Their attack will probably be led by Simon Mee, whose brother Adrian usually takes the penalty strokes. But much will depend on the fitness of their centre half, Rush, who took a hard knock in the recent match against the Hockey Association XI, with whom they drew 1-1.

Both sides have strong hitters at short corners; Barry for Oxford and Slimmon for Cambridge and the result may hinge on the accuracy and timing of their shots, more so on the qualities of leadership by Vivian of Oxford, and Partington, of Cambridge. As tireless workers either can change the fortunes of the game.

Simon Offen will be wearing a darker shirt today. Having already earned his Blue as a Cambridge goalkeeper, he now takes up the same position for Oxford.

The first university match was played in 1890 and of the 85 games so far Cambridge have had 40 wins, Oxford 30 and 15 matches have been drawn.

OXFORD (from): S Offen (St Edward's Oxford and Christchurch); *P Barry (The Howard School and St Catherine's), *A Mee (Merchant Tailors Northwood and Oriel), *G Hayward (St Edward's Oxford and Christchurch), *S Hurn (Natal University and St Edmund Hall), N Webber (Whitgift and Oriel), R Ukiah (Kingston GS and Christchurch), *G Harper (Abingdon and St Edmund Hall), *J Ingham (King Edward VI, Birmingham and Merton), S Mee (Merchant Tailors Northwood and Brasenose), *D Vivian (King's Worcester and St Catherine's, captain), *R Oldershaw (Uppingham and Trinity), *R Rush (Culford and Lincoln), J Herbert (Bryanston and Brasenose).

CAMBRIDGE: *S Wilson (Christ's Hospital and Magdalene); *G Slimmon (KCS Wimbledon and Downing), *M Partington (Millfield and Emmanuel, captain), *R Pughe (Wellington and Fitzwilliam), C Bell (Bedford and Magdalene), P Nienow (King Edward VI, Birmingham and St John's), *S Ghauri (Kingston GS and St Catharine's), *J Stenner (The Perse and Magdalene), E Castenskiold (Bedford and Magdalene), *P Cootes (Portsmouth GS and Magdalene), A Shafiq (Caterham and Downing). Substitutes: *G Pitcher (St Albans and St Catharine's), *J Mackenzie (Aylesbury GS and Magdalene), B McKee (Bangor GS and Robinson), J Macmillan (Oundle and Trinity).

*A Blue.

● **Great Britain's squad for a Lilleshall training weekend from March 13 to 15 — from which the team to travel to Malaysia in April will be chosen — has been announced.**

SQUAD: V Pappin (Scot), I Taylor (Eng), P Bolland (Eng), P Barber (Eng), C Ashcroft (Wal), J Rees (Wal), I Sherwein (Eng), M Sloan (Ire), S Hazlitt (Eng), K Bhaura (Eng), D Camilleri (Eng), R Hill (Eng), W McConnell (Ire), K Knapp (Scot), M Spray (Eng), D Faulkner (Eng), M Grimley (Eng), D McFarlane (Scot), A Ferns (Eng), A Billson (Eng), J Kirkwood (Ire), R Cowan (Scot), J Potter (Eng), R Clift (Eng), S Martin (Ire), R Thompson (Eng), N Thompson (Eng).

England new look

By Joyce Whitehead

With Great Britain claiming eight of last year's side, the England women's squad to play Wales at Cardiff on Saturday week and Scotland and Ireland at Gateshead on March 28 and 29 has a new look.

Some players find themselves rather unexpectedly in the floodlights, but there is disappointment for Margaret Burrows, of Derbyshire. She has been a non-playing deputy for England's goalkeeper, Julie Cook, for some time, but, having at last been made first choice for England, she is now out of action with a broken toe.

Val Hallam takes her place, with Sandy Lister, the captain, and Julie Bannister and Sue Holwell also retaining their places.

Wales have also lost their goalkeeper, Wendy Banks, to Great Britain, and their replacement, Jane Ludgrove, has broken an ankle. Margaret Medlow remains captain as she has withdrawn from the Great Britain team.

The England under-21 squad for the Home Countries Tournament in Manchester will be captained by Tracey Wilce.

ENGLAND: J Bannister (Cheshire), L Baylis (Staffordshire), H Brown (Sheffield League), M Burrows (Derbyshire), J Crooke (Lancashire), N Dix (Durham), R Goodridge (Devon), V Hallam (Sheffield League), S Holwell (Leicestershire), G Huggin (Yorkshire), C Liddell (Essex), S Lister (Essex, captain), J Sixsmith (Warwickshire), M Smith (Yorkshire), J Swinnerton (Staffordshire), S Williams (Buckinghamshire).

ENGLAND UNDER-21: M Allen (East), A Berg (Midlands), C Brown (West), L Carrington (North), S Chandler (East), E Claxton (East), K Edwards (East), A Hall (North), M Hall (East), J Lewis (Midlands), T Miller (West), J Pearson (North), M Pickles (Midlands), D Shorney (West), H Toon (Midlands), T Wilce (East, captain).

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Reflections of an Aintree dream

Scotland's Grand National hope Young Driver, second to West Tip in last year's spectacular, is put through his paces, leading trainer John Wilson's string at exercise on the wide expanse of Ayr beach.

Like Red Rum, Young Driver enjoys paddling in the sea which helped to heal a ligament injury sustained earlier in the season.

Although Young Driver was a distant last in his first race of the season at Ayr earlier this month, Wilson, who is based at Cree Lodge, adjoining Ayr racecourse, is still happy with his progress: "We haven't hit our peak yet; but we're coming back – he came on by leaps and bounds after that race; and galloped three miles at Edinburgh after racing on Friday." The Aintree contender was ridden by amateur David Mactaggart "to get a feel of him," prior to riding the ten-year-old bay at Kelso on Friday in an amateur rider's chase.

However, Chris Grant will be back in the saddle for his next race – possibly at Ayr next month – and when Young Driver lines up again at Aintree.

(Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Earnshaw looks for fresh start as trainer

By Paul Wheeler

Hot on the heels of Michael Dickinson's departure to the United States, comes news that Robert Earnshaw, once Dickinson's top National Hunt rider, will have his first runner as a trainer, Trial Period, in the second division of the Wensley Novice Hurdle at Catterick Bridge tomorrow.

Many people may wonder why Earnshaw with a tally of 215 winners – a strike rate of one winner from every six rides – should be retiring as a jockey at the age of 28. Furthermore, with the Festival meeting just three weeks away, Earnshaw, whose record at Cheltenham stands comparison with any jockey riding today, does not have a ride booked.

When Michael Dickinson decided to switch to Flat racing in 1984 and his mother, Monica, took over the licence at Harewood, Earnshaw's fortunes began to decline. He found his stable colleague Graham Bradley getting more rides while he was being pushed to one side. Earnshaw realised the situation could not improve: "After Michael left, there were fewer horses in the yard and I knew I was going to get less rides."

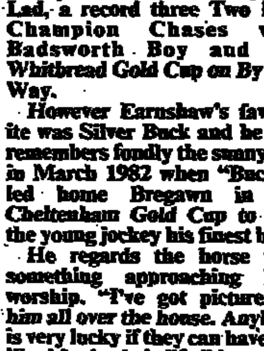
In an effort to get more opportunities, Earnshaw also joined forces with Wantage trainer David Gandolfo. Although the combination enjoyed a measure of success, Earnshaw had to give up: "The travelling between two stables so far apart was too much and the expense made it impracticable," he said.

Another factor which inhibited Earnshaw's career was his reluctance to phone trainers for rides. While many jockeys spend as much time on the phone as they do in the saddle, this soft-spoken Yorkshireman would not: "I would never pester a trainer."

Earnshaw feels that Dickinson was somewhat unfairly treated by owner Robert Sangster. "It seems wrong to be given only one year to do the job," he said. But he is convinced that Dickinson will find success in his new yard in Maryland. "I think as regards training racehorses he can make it anywhere."

Earnshaw and Dickinson became a feared combination in National Hunt circles. "My best years were riding for Michael, he taught me a lot. We were very similar and he always seemed to understand what had happened in a race."

Earnshaw has won some of the biggest races in the National Hunt calendar on some of the finest horses for the Dickinson family. They include the King George VI Chase on Wayward Lad, a record three Two Mile Champion Chases with Badsworth Boy and the Whitbread Gold Cup on By The Way.



Earnshaw: disciple of Michael Dickinson

However Earnshaw's favourite was Silver Buck and he still remembers fondly the sunny day in March 1982 when "Bucket" led home Bregawn in the Cheltenham Gold Cup to give the young jockey his finest hour.

He regards the horse with something approaching hero worship. "I've got pictures of him all over the house. Anybody is very lucky if they can have one like him in their life," he said.

Trial Period is one of 11 horses at Earnshaw's Killinghall stables near Harrogate.

Paul Dennis will ride the stables hopes. "I'm not going to try to do two jobs; I'd rather do one well," Earnshaw said.

However, he does still hold a jockey's licence until the end of the season and will still ride for some of his regular trainers whom he would not want to let down by hanging up his boots immediately.

The hallmark of Robert Earnshaw the jockey was his sympathetic and gentle way with horses. If he uses the same methods in his new profession, he will be back in the winner's enclosure many times again.

HUNTINGDON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Royal Cracker.
2.30 TICKITE BOO (nap).
3.00 *Celtic Chief.*
3.30 Gee-A.
4.00 Humyak House.
4.30 *Its A Pry.*

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Going: soft (chase course); heavy (hurdles)

2.0 LONGWOOD FEN NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,304: 2m 100yd) (18 runners)

2	4F-3102	SIGNALMAN (Mrs A Chapman) O Sherwood 6-11-10	C Cox	94	5-2
3		ALACAZAM (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Spearing 5-11-3	—	—	6-1
5	00-PF04	BAY POND (D Underwood) D Underwood 5-11-3	L Harvey (4)	73	16-1
8	U13000	COCKALORUM (B) (T Waldron) K Morgan 5-11-3	M Brennan	81	12-1
9	0-00	DICK KNIGHT (Wallace Farms) K Ivory 6-11-3	M Richards	—	25-1
10	P00	EXPANSIVE GESTURE (B) (Mrs J O'Neill) Mrs I McKie 6-11-3	Miss S Lawrence (7)	—	25-1
11	PP000-P	KINBOSHI (P Bowlby) P Bowlby 7-11-3	Mr A Bowlby (7)	—	33-1
12	0P-	MAKE MINE MELITTA (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 6-11-3	A Webb	—	25-1
14	4043	NEW GOLD DREAM (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 6-11-3	NON-RUNNER	—	—
15	0F-0400	PRIVATE AUDITION (P Betts) M Tompkins 5-11-3	Mr T Thomson Jones	90	20-1
18	022022	ROYAL CRACKER (BF) (Harlow Bros Ltd) T Bill 6-11-3	R Crank	● 99	F7-4
19		WATERGLASS (J Grant-Ives) C Grant-Ives 5-11-3	M Bosley (4)	—	33-1
23		PROMINENT PRINCESS (Mrs M Haslum) J Cosgrave 7-10-12	T Pinfield (7)	—	33-1
24	00F-000	ROSIE CONE (V) (M Smith) Mrs P Sly 5-10-12	M Bastard	90	25-1
25	00F	TIP-TAP (J Wilberforce) J Pearce 5-10-12	R Dunwoody	—	14-1
28	0	CUDDY DALE (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-10-7	Miss G Armytage (4)	—	8-1
30		PORO BOY (S Thembiayah) C Williams 4-10-7	B Powell	—	25-1
31	004	SCINTILLATOR (J Rigby) J Bukovets 4-10-7	S Cusack (7)	74	16-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED – SNOW AND FROST

FORM SIGNALMAN (11-10) comes from a stable in form and ran a good race last time when 7l 2nd to Jazetas (10-7) at Windsor (2m 30y, £787, good to soft, Feb 4, 20 ran). NEW GOLD DREAM (11-0) made some good headway in the later stages, but had no chance with 11½l winner Frevent Hope (11-7) at Ludlow (2m, £980, good to soft, Feb 11, 18 ran). PRIVATE AUDITION never recovered from a blunder at the 6th last time, previously (11-3) a 12l 5th to Vipsania (10-12) here (2m 5f 75y, £2825, good, Feb 6, 20 ran) with CUDDY DALE (10-1) weaking into 7th. ROYAL CRACKER (11-0) was certainly not disgraced when 7l 2nd to Christian Schad (11-0) at Worcester (2m, £1001, heavy, Dec 30, 7 ran) and had the 3rd 20l away. SCINTILLATOR (10-5) is slowly coming to hand and made some late progress at Uttoxeter (2m, £794, soft, Feb 14, 16 ran) when 52l 4th to Mulroy Bay (10-9) who was allowed to steal the race from the front.
Selection: SIGNALMAN

2.30 JIM HOLDEN NOVICE CHASE (£1,982: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1	11310-1	TICKITE BOO (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-10	M Dwyer	● 99	F4-5
2	P0P-0P	ADRAL (Mrs A Sloan) J Gifford 6-11-3	E Murphy	—	25-1
5	10-PP0F	BIT OF A DANDY (W Gale) J Gifford 6-11-3	Peter Hobbs	70	14-1
6		BORDER LAD (Mrs M Oliver) M Oliver 6-11-3	R Dunwoody	—	20-1
7	003F3F	BOREHAM DOWN (Mrs M Ashton) N Bycroft 8-11-3	M Brennan	80	10-1
10	P	CARRIGEEN CASTLE (K Pinfield) J Cosgrave 7-11-3	T Pinfield (7)	—	33-1
11	00-0PF0	CITY SLICKER (P Winkworth) S Mellor 6-11-3	M Harrington	—	33-1
12	00F	COPPER KING (Mrs R Sanger) D Nicholson 6-11-3	NON-RUNNER	—	—
15	10-043P	LUCKY RASCAL (J Ingram) J Gifford 8-11-3	R Rowe	82	8-1
16	000-0FP	MISCHIEVOUS MONK (A Wates) R Gow 6-11-3	M Perrett	—	25-1
30	P-30F	KELLY'S MAID (R Belasco) J Webber 7-10-12	G Mernagh	86	12-1
31	0PPP02	MISS FELHAM (F Lipscomb) T Casey 6-10-12	E Buckley	94	5-1
33	2122/0-4	SCOTSMAN ICE (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-12	Miss G Armytage (4)	81	16-1

FORM Cheltenham possible TICKITE BOO (11-5) 8l Nottingham winner from Vivaque (11-5) (2m 6f, £2981, good to soft, Feb 16, 14 ran). CARRIGEEN CASTLE (11-5) was unfancied and pulled up KELLY'S MAID, beaten a distance last time, previously (10-10) 13½l 3rd to Ribobelle (10-10) at Worcester (2m, £1753, heavy, Dec 17, 17 ran). MISS FELHAM (10-11) 7l Huntingdon 2nd to Kouros (11-9), who beat First Bout on Saturday, (2m 200y, £1585, soft, Feb 12, 15 ran). BOREHAM DOWN fell at the first, having previously run 9l 3rd (11-10) to Rhoecus (11-10) at Market Rasen (2m, £1735, soft, Jan 7, 9 ran). SCOTSMAN ICE (10-13) beaten 31l into 4th by Master Bob (11-10) at Newbury (2m 4f, £2361, soft, Feb 14, 9 ran). LUCKY RASCAL (11-4) was pulled up there, but had got into the money when 23l 3rd (11-3) to Dunkirk (11-3) at Chepstow (2m 4f, £1780, soft, Jan 27, 14 ran).
Selection: TICKITE BOO

3.0 CHATTERIS FEN HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,366: 2m 100yd) (10 runners)

1	112	CELTIC CHEIF (Mrs L Sewell) Mrs M Rimell 11-3	—	● 99	F9-4
2	11	DHONI (R Darby) G Moore 11-3	M Hammond	85	4-1
4	P10	GUNNER MAC (F McHale) N Bycroft 11-0	R Rowe	71	12-1
5	3212	NOS NA GAOITHE (V,BF) (P Green) M H Easterby 11-0	L Wyer	87	10-1
6	1	OSRIC (R Scott) M Ryan 11-0	G McCourt	92	6-1
7	014	STATE JESTER (BF) (E Barber) W Elsey 11-0	M Dwyer	71	16-1
8	2	ALDINO (BF) (A Boyd-Rochfort) O Sherwood 10-10	C Cox	92	5-2
10	P	BALANCED REALM (P Hartigan) G Hartigan 10-10	J Barlow	—	33-1
13	02	MILEOMETER (J Leat) N Henderson 10-10	S Smith Eccles	78	7-1
14		RATHAL (K Halter) D Nicholson 10-10	R Dunwoody	—	20-1

FORM CELTIC CHIEF scored at Newton Abbot and Warwick before (11-0) making Triumph Hurdle ante-post favourite High Knowl (11-7) pull out all the stops in going down by a short-head at Cheltenham (2m, £4052, soft, 7 ran). DHONI followed easy Newcastle win with one at Wetherby (11-2), by 12l from Tancred Sand (10-8) (2m, £734, good, Feb 7, 21 ran). Wetherby winner NOS NA GAOITHE subsequently (11-4) beaten 8l there by Stormy Prospect (10-10) (2m, £689, soft, Jan 6, 14 ran). GUNNER MAC (11-4) never got in a blow and finished 8th. OSRIC makes quick reappearance after showing he handles soft ground well in comfortable 12l defeat (10-7) of Capulet (10-7) at Folkestone (2m110y, £1876, heavy, Feb 18, 12 ran). ALDINO was leading Triumph hope before he ran, and is still prominent in the market after a 7l Sandown 2nd (10-10) to Alone Success (10-10) (2m, £3187, good, Feb 7, 20 ran).
Selection: CELTIC CHIEF

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

3.30 TICK FEN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,166: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1	021121	GEE-A (CD) (G Hubbard), G Hubbard 8-11-10	Miss G Armytage (4)	97	F7-4
4	3020-00	BIT OF THE ACTION (J McManus) Mrs M Rimell 10-11-4	G McCourt	96	4-1
5	211133	FRENCH CAPTAIN (D) (Lavinia Norfolk) Lady Herries 11-11-3	M Kinane	97	5-2
6	1134P0	JUST ALICK (S Childs) M H Easterby 8-11-3	L Wyer	97	14-1
8	22-UPP4	BRINKWATER (D Pitcher) D Pitcher 11-10-11	Mr D Pitcher	88	20-1
10	12-0310	VODKATINI (CD,BF) (D Richardson Horse Racing Ltd) P Haynes 8-10-9	A Webb	94	7-1
13	331-F24	MASTER MELODY (CD) (W Hackett) W Hackett 16-10-1	M Bastard	● 99	20-1
14	0220-30	BOLD DEALER (BF) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 10-10-0	M Perrett	98	12-1
15	F34-P14	NETHERBRIDGE (D,BF) (M Vigors) D Gandolfo 9-10-0	M Dwyer	90	9-1

FORM GEE-A has won here 3 times this season, most recently (12-2) over this trip by 8l from Landing Board (11-7) (£2191, good to soft, Jan 29, 9 ran). BIT OF THE ACTION, 7th at Stratford last time (2m 6f), was a fair chaser in Ireland, winning a 2m listed race. FRENCH CAPTAIN has made bad mistakes last 3 starts, including (11-8) when in front at the last at Newbury, eventually finishing 7l 3rd to Pommardy (10-7) (2m 4f, £3075, good to soft, Jan 3, 7 ran). NETHERBRIDGE (10-6) was 2l away 4th. JUST ALICK has never won beyond in extended 2m but may appreciate this trip judged on a one-paced, 7l 5th (11-6) to Aldro (11-2) at Nottingham (2m, £2419, good to soft, Feb 16, 8 ran). VODKATINI, 5th last time, previously (10-1) 12l Devon winner from Fire Drill (11-7) (2m 1f, £2381, soft, Jan 1, 4 ran). MASTER MELODY was having first outing for 13 weeks when 6½l 4th (10-2) to J J Henry (11-7) at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, £2645, soft, Feb 14, 7 ran).
Selection: MASTER MELODY

4.0 FARLET FEN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,250: 3m) (7 runners)

2	4033F0	AUGHRA BOURA (C) (Mrs L Simpson) J Gifford 11-11-7	R Rowe	91	6-1
3	033332	BASHFUL LAD (D) (Mrs F Parkes) M Oliver 12-11-6	R Dunwoody	95	F5-2
5	1P-000P	SPRINGWOOD (B) (A Oldrey) G Hartigan 10-10-11	S McNeill	—	16-1
7	04141-0	HUMYAK HOUSE (I Matthews) I Matthews 7-10-9	M Perrett	88	8-1
8	F20-0P1	SWIFT MESSENGER (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 8-10-9 (4ex)	R Crank	94	3-1
14	323304	TULLOMAGRANGE (P McCourt) P O'Connor 8-10-0	Mr M Richards (7)	89	12-1
15	F42423	CELTIC HAMLET (B Pearce) J Long 6-10-0	R Goldstein	● 99	4-1

FORM AUGHRA BOURA has been below-par this season, most recently when 18l 5th (10-13) to Kamir (10-7) at Folkestone (2m 4f, £2226, heavy, Feb 18, 15 ran). In 1985/86 he scored 3 times from 2m4f-2m6f. BASHFUL LAD has run well most starts, going down by only 2½l (10-4) to Strath Leader (11-10) at Wolverhampton last time (3m 1f, £2801, soft, Feb 9, 12 ran). SPRINGWOOD has not figured at the business end since (10-8) being left clear at the last and beating Flying Jackdaw (10-13), the only other finisher, by a distance at Towcester (3m 190y, £2044, heavy, Mar 31, 6 ran). HUMYAK HOUSE, a 6th fence faller on reappearance here, (10-3) beat Sandyla (10-0) 8l at Warwick on final start of last season (2m 4f, £1909, good to soft, May 17, 15 ran). SWIFT MESSENGER has scored all her victories at Southwell, the latest (10-1) by ¾l from Jimmypick (10-8) (3m 110y, £1848, good, Feb 19, 13 ran). CELTIC HAMLET, early season winner on firm, last time out (10-0) one-paced, 8l 3rd to Mearlin (10-0) at Plumpton (3m 1f, £2402, good, Feb 16, 7 ran).
Selection: BASHFUL LAD

4.30 LONGWOOD FEN NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,333: 2m 100yd) (19 runners)

2	02	ALWAYS DANGEROUS (Mrs V Harrison) J Spearing 5-11-3	—	● 99	5-2
7	400/04P	IDLE MATINEE (I Page) Mrs N Smith 6-11-3	M Kinane	79	25-1
9	4	IT'S A PRY (Mrs A Villar) O Sherwood 6-11-3	C Cox	88	F6-4
11	00/0-000	LOCHFEN (D Greig) D Greig 6-11-3	M Bastard	—	33-1
13	300	NO CREDIBILITY (M Stewart) B Richmond 5-11-3	P Corrigan	90	25-1
14	0	RECOLLECT (Forme Packaging Supplies Ltd) J Payne 5-11-3	J Barlow	—	20-1
17	4	SIZEHILL (J Morris) D Nicholson 6-11-3	NON-RUNNER	—	6-1
18	00-200	STAR CHANCE (P Luff) M Oliver 6-11-3	R Dunwoody	93	12-1
20		WISBOROUGH LAD (B Lay) B Lay 5-11-3	NON-RUNNER	—	—
22	00	YELLOW CARD (A Armitage) D Nicholson 6-11-3	NON-RUNNER	—	—
23	P	ARCLID GIRL (Mrs T Harvey) F Harvey 5-10-12	J Tolte (7)	—	33-1
24	0	BOREEN GEAL (Lady Lyell) J Webber 6-10-12	G Mernagh	—	20-1
28	000-000	LITTLE NEWINGTON (B) (Capes Management Serv Ltd) N Bycroft 6-10-12	R Rowe	—	20-1
29	0P0	ROSIE OH (P Vanner) M Johnston 6-10-12	—	—	25-1
30	P00-001	SHAKIRA GROVE (C Hague) M Chapman 6-10-12	S Mitchell (7)	90	7-1
38	3P0	ABIGAIL'S GEM (D Gray) R Curtis 4-10-2	K Traylor (7)	—	25-1
39		BRIMSOL (D Creevy) C Williams 4-10-2	B Powell	—	25-1
40		RAFFLES VIRGINIA (D Malin) R Carter 4-10-2	M Brennan	—	33-1
41		WHISTLING EDGE (E Alsopp) J Spearing 4-10-2	—	—	20-1

FORM ALWAYS DANGEROUS (11-3) almost belied his 33/1 odds when 12l 2nd to the well thought of Macroom (11-5) at Lingfield (2m, £685, good to soft, Feb 5, 21 ran). ITS A PRY (10-10) will strip a lot fitter for a course and distance 14½l 4th to Tivian (11-0) in November (£1090, good, 21 ran). NO CREDIBILITY has not shown his true form since (11-0) a debut 4l 3rd to Royal Creek (11-0) at Market Rasen (2m, £1611, good, Nov 14, 18 ran). Ex-Irish SIZEHILL (11-1) made a promising seasonal reappearance when 14l 4th to Canford Palm (11-1) at Nottingham (2m, £1316, good to soft, Feb 16, 23 ran). SHAKIRA GROVE (11-2) was ridden clear to beat Crimson Sol (11-8) in a Leicester selling hurdle (2m, £745, soft, Jan 26, 14 ran) last time. ABIGAILS GEM has been well beaten since (10-3) a modest 25l 3rd to Brent Riverside (10-1) here (2m 200y, £635, good to firm, Aug 25, 3 ran) on debut.
Selection: ALWAYS DANGEROUS

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Jimmy Fitzgerald	8	32	25.0
M Ryan	9	41	21.9
D Gandolfo	13	68	19.1
J Gifford	30	164	18.3
J Spearing	7	42	16.7
D Nicholson	8	52	15.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
M Dwyer	7	14	50.0
S Smith Eccles	29	132	21.9
E Murphy	9	43	20.9
G McCourt	15	95	15.7
R Rowe	19	128	14.8

Only qualifiers

Celtic Chief can take command in Triumph trial

By Mandarin

The Chatteris Fen Hurdle at Huntingdon today has attracted a strong field of juvenile hurdlers.

The outcome of this contest will have a major effect on next month's Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham, as four of today's runners are among the leading contenders.

High Knowl, the current Triumph favourite, nearly lost his unbeaten record at Cheltenham where he scraped home by a short head from Celtic Chief. Today, Celtic Chief has to concede weight to all his rivals, with the exception of Dhoni.

It is hard to assess the ability of Dhoni who has won his two races at Wetherby and Newcastle very easily. On both occasions the opposition was moderate.

George Moore, the colt's trainer, has a high opinion of the son of Bustino out of Bireme. Despite his classic bloodlines, he failed to win on the Flat for Dick Hern.

Aldino, who is not so well bred, won three times on the Flat last summer for Alec Stewart. Now trained by Oliver Sherwood at Lambourn, the colt made a pleasing debut at Sandown Park where he finished second to Alone Success.

The Sandown race will have brought on Aldino. Also in that contest was Ghofar, who finished 11 lengths behind Sherwood's colt. Previously, Ghofar had finished 20 lengths behind Celtic Chief and High Knowl at Cheltenham.

Mick Ryan has decided to find out the strengh of Osric, who won well at Folkestone last Wednesday. On that occasion the opposition did not amount to much, but this confirmed mudlark will be in his element today. On the Flat, Osric had the distinction of beating High Knowl.

However, using Ghofar as a yardstick, and the factor of heavy going, I expect Celtic Chief to enhance his Triumph Hurdle claims at the expense of Dhoni.

Mark Dwyer can return to race riding with a victory on Tickite Boo in the Jim Holden Novices' Chase. The gelding was the last horse Dwyer rode, and won on, at Nottingham just over a week ago. After that victory, Dwyer was in considerable pain from bruised ribs, and decided to give himself a rest.

At Nottingham, the Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained chaser was making his seasonal and chasing debut. Now with that run under his belt, he can be expected to improve and he is the nap.

Royal Cracker makes a quick reappearance after finishing second to the useful Positive at Nottingham on Saturday. Today, he meets nothing of that calibre and can be rewarded for his consistency.

Gaye Armytage can take another step towards her ambition of becoming the leading amateur rider by winning the Tick Fen Handicap Chase on Gee-A. Geoff Hubbard's gelding has shown a liking for the Huntingdonshire track by winning three times there this season.

At Sedgefield Star Of Screen can continue John Edwards' excellent run of success in the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase. Last time out, the former useful long-distance hurdler won his first race over fences by 12 lengths at Wolverhampton. His main threat looks to be Mossmorran, who has recently joined the Jimmy Fitzgerald stable.

Worcester fence burnt after vandal attack

Vandals have burnt down the final fence at Worcester racecourse. Course manager Jack Bennett now faces a desperate race against time to obtain another fence before the next meeting at Worcester in a week's time.

Bennett said yesterday: "The fence has been totally destroyed and at present I can only rate our chances of getting a replacement in time as 50-50. "If we aren't successful, it still will not jeopardize the meeting. The fence simply won't be there and we'll have a two furlongs run-in on the chase course."

During the last two years, vandals have caused £12,000 worth of damage at the track. There have been arson attacks on stables and barns, running rails have been smashed and this is the fourth time a fence has been set alight.

Bennett said: "We've had an enormous amount of vandalism and it's steadily increased to a totally unacceptable level. One morning I arrived to find 75 windows had been smashed.

"Besides making me extremely angry, it has a demoralising effect on my staff because one wonders whether the people of Worcester value their racecourse."

The course manager has now issued a plea to course owners, the Labour-run Worcester City Council, to reinstate patrols at night and weekends to curb the vandalism. These were scrapped four years ago to save money.

SEDGEFIELD

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Surpass.
2.15 Harbour Bazaar.
2.45 Bronze Head.
3.15 Star Of Screen.
3.45 Beau N'Idol.
4.15 Tancred Sand.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Star Of Screen.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: *1.45 SINGING HILLS.*

Going: soft

1.45 EBF NOVICE HURDLE QUALIFIER (£1,137: 2m) (10 runners)

3	0/0-331	SURPASS (R Tate) R Tate 7-11-5	P Tuck	93	F7-4
4	3-32080	CRACK-A-JIM (D Cliff) Miss Z Green 5-11-0	J R Quinn (7)	80	10-1
5	4PPFP-	FROM CLARE-TE-HERE (J Harrop & Co Ltd) R E Peacock 6-11-0	K Ryan (7)	—	20-1
10	0	SOME CASH (J Barr) Mrs J Barr 5-11-0	Mr D T Smith	—	16-1
11	040	UNSCRUPULOUS GENT (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 5-11-0	R Lamb	85	13-2
12	F0	CERTAIN MELODY (P Caldwell) E Alston 5-10-9	M Alston (7)	—	25-1
13	0202	LINGHAM BRIDE (J Swiers) J Swiers 5-10-9	Mr J Osborne (7)	88	5-1
14	00-00	MAREJO (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 6-10-9	Mr J Walton	90	16-1
16		SING COUNTRY (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 5-10-9	Mrs M Kendall	—	16-1
17	422	SINGING HILLS (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 6-10-9	M Meagher	● 99	3-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED – SNOW

2.15 HARRY LANE MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,417: 2m 4f) (19 runners)

1	2-41010	SAMFEN (D) (F Ballard) M H Easterby 5-11-10	R Marley (7)	87	F4-1
2	F31034	SECRET FINALE (CD) (Regent Decorators Ltd) J Johnson 8-11-7	G Landau (4)	● 99	5-1
5	13P-P00	POONA EXPRESS (W Sellers) J Parkes 6-11-1	J R Quinn (7)	83	16-1
6	120323	HARBOUR BAZAAR (J Shaw) R Simpson 7-11-0	D Gallagher (7)	95	9-2
7	022300	HARLEY (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 7-10-13	C Grant	96	8-1
8	0430-	SLANEY PRINCE (I Park) R Barr 7-10-12	P Niven	—	10-1
9	000010	BIRAS CREEK (T Fitshie) K Oliver 5-10-10	J K Kinane	90	12-1
10	40001F	SUNBIA (CD) (G Turner) D Lee 8-10-9	G Harker	98	10-1
12	204/4-PP	CHEERFUL DAYS (C) (Mrs V Scott) A Scott 6-10-8	NON-RUNNER	—	—
13	0/00800-	JOHNSTON'S BABY (F McKevitt) E Alston 8-10-7	K Doolan	—	25-1
14	20-3F2F	BALMATT (A Proos) G Richards 6-10-7	P Tuck	98	13-2
16	000224	BETTY'S GIRL (J Roche) R O'Leary 7-10-1	N Doughty	94	12-1
17	00-0030	TEUCER (R Adamson) V Thompson 7-10-0	Mr M Thompson (4)	97	20-1
18	220800	ROVIGO (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-10-0	T P White (7)	94	16-1
19	000030	MATELOT (B Sommerville) M Naughton 5-10-0	J D Davies (4)	97	20-1
21	P0	REGAL TOUCH (R Tansley) Mrs A Austin 9-10-0	D Wilkinson	—	16-1
23	20021P	BAVAL (CD) (C Sicer) D Yeoman 10-10-0	C Hawkins	85	16-1
24	00P	RIVER RAMBLER (Mrs W Tellwright) Mrs W Tellwright 10-10-0	Mrs W Tellwright	—	33-1
26	20-0020	CARLINGFORD BAY (CD) (D Tate) R Gray 8-10-0	B Storey	78	33-1

2.45 EBF SPRING SOWING HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £901: 3m 600yd) (8 runners)

1	4UF03-0	PEACE CLASH (J Greenall) W A Stephenson 10-12-12	J Greenall (7)	90	4-1
3	12-	BRONZE HEAD (A Bonas) A Bonas 9-12-3	S Cunningham (7)	● 99	F7-4
4	F3003/4-	KIKORI (R Bethell) R Bethell 12-12-3	W A Bethell (7)	—	6-1
6		BLEW'S HEIR (Miss E Davidson) J Haldane 11-11-12	I Stark (7)	—	12-1
7	34/0P20-	MARITZ (D Wilkinson) Mrs S Redfern 11-11-12	D Wilkinson (7)	—	8-1
8	2P/0PP-P	MOONS QUADRILLE (Mrs S Gospel) Mrs S Gospel 11-11-12	H Brown (7)	—	14-1
9	F-	OLD APPLEJACK (W Clarke) W Clarke 7-11-12	A Orkney (7)	92	25-1
11	F	WILKIE LAD (J Thompson) G Richards 6-11-12	P Doyle (7)	—	5-2

3.15 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICE CHASE QUALIFIER (£1,078: 3m 600yd) (15 runners)

2	0FP400	ROYAL REPLY (W Reed) W Reed 7-11-3	T Reed	78	20-1
3	400-341	STAR OF SCREEN (R McAlpine) J Edwards 7-11-3	D Browne	● 99	F9-4
6		BALLY PALLADY (J Johnson) J Johnson 8-10-10	G Landau (4)	—	12-1
8	2FP-330	CAMROC (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-10-10	K Jones	81	4-1
10	080003	FLYING SQUAD (Mrs J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 9-10-10	P Dennis (4)	75	6-1
11		GHOSTBUSTER (B Munro-Wilson) G Richards 7-10-10	P Tuck	—	10-1
12	4800B	HISTORIC HOUSE (Miss J Cook) M Ellerby 12-10-10	G Harker	67	8-1
14	00300-0	MOSSMORRAN (D Armstrong) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-10	A Stringer	—	7-2
19	0-0PP	SPEY HAWK (Mrs C Nixon) R E Peacock 6-10-10	K Ryan (7)	—	20-1
20	30/003-0	TELEGRAPH BUSH (G Renilson) G Renilson 10-10-10	C Grant	74	12-1
21	31000/	YOUNG ADVENTURER (Mrs M Lamb) D Lamb 8-10-10	R Lamb	—	20-1
23	00-000U	GOODFELLOW'S FOLLY (S Watson) I Jordan 9-10-5	B Storey	—	33-1
24	00/00-3R	KANISA (B) (W Smith) W J Smith 9-10-5	C Hawkins	—	12-1
25	0/P4-PPP	REBRONA (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 9-10-5	Mr J Walton	—	33-1
26	P0	TEN A PENNY (C Kevens) W McGhie 7-10-5	J Hansen	—	33-1

3.45 SHOTTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,682: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

2	4-03014	BORDER KNIGHT (CD) (Mrs L Fraser) J Haldane 12-11-7	R Lamb	98	12-1
3	440/00-U	POWDER HORN (C) (J Barr) Mrs J Barr 10-11-7	Mr T D Smith	—	10-1
4	P-2F42F	REJUVENATOR (CD) (Mrs T Metcalfe) G Richards 11-11-7	P Tuck	97	7-2
5	2-34023	TROILENA (C,BF) (B Farrell) R Fisher 11-11-6	M Meagher	93	6-1
6	F414-P3	CAHERTY (J Gledson) J Gledson 14-11-6	T Reed	97	8-1
7	3F02F1	BEAU N'IDOL (CD) (E Robson) E Robson 8-11-5 (7ex)	B Storey	96	F3-1
8	F1P2P3	CLONROCHE STREAM (M Thompson) V Thompson 8-11-2	Mr M Thompson (4)	● 99	16-1
10	00313U	KERSIL (CD) (J Swiers) J Swiers 10-10-13	Mr J Osborne	90	4-1
12	0/U0PF3	MISS WOOD (R Robinson) R Robinson 12-10-0	—	94	20-1
13	0U080P	ANOTHER FLAME (B) (H Mahrouki) W Storey 10-10-0	D Telfer (7)	87	20-1
14	10-PP04	BUSK FUZZ (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-10-0	T P White (7)	87	10-1
16	P80040	KARLS CHERRY (C Rennison) W Storey 8-10-0	K Teelan	74	20-1

4.15 BILLINGHAM NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £617: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1	F421	TANCRED SAND (C) (J Coxon) J Jefferson 11-10	—	● 99	F5-4
4	040	IN CONTENTION (J Goodman) J Wilson 11-0	G Bradley	88	16-1
5	0	JOHNS BLUFF (J Robson) J O'Neill 11-0	R Lamb	93	6-1
6	0	MAWDLYN GATE (Mrs S Brook) R Whitaker 11-0	N Doughty	87	—
8	2232	NORTON WARRIOR (Maj J Linley) M H Easterby 11-0	D Dutton	97	9-4
12	040	TIMSOLE (T Hainsworth) J Mulhall 11-0	P A Farrell (4)	94	12-1
13	4003	TINAS LAD (Communicass Ltd) J Edwards 11-0	C Grant	85	10-1
14	P	BUSH MAID (P Liddle) P Liddle 10-9	J R Quinn (7)	—	20-1
15	00P	CROWNIT (C Booth) C Booth 10-9	—	89	20-1
16	000	HARSLEY SURPRISE (J Barr) Mrs J Barr 10-9	Mr N Smith (7)	—	20-1
17	00F	KASU (S Taberner) J L Harris 10-9	J A Harris	87	20-1
18	P000	KNOCKALENA (W Easom) H Fleming 10-9	—	—	20-1

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
A Scott	17	58	29.3
M H Easterby	14	75	18.6
Jimmy Fitzgerald	9	51	17.6
R Fisher	22	147	14.9
W A Stephenson	47	357	13.1
G Richards	15	115	13.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
P Niven	11	43	25.5
R Lamb	33	183	18.0
G Bradley	11	63	17.4
C Grant	40	231	17.3
K Jones	13	108	12.0
B Storey	14	128	10.9

Old Applejack looks ripe

Bronze Head and Old Applejack look to be the main contenders in the EBF Spring Sowing Hunter Chase at Sedgefield today (Brian Beel writes). *OLD APPLEJACK* unseated his rider at the third fence at the Haydon point-to-point ten days ago, but he can quicken decisively at the end of a gruelling race. If he gets round safely, I expect him to win.

Yesterday's results from two meetings

Fontwell Park

Going: good

1.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, TURN FOR TH'BETTER (Penny Ffitch-Heyes, 15-2); 2, Sunset Valley (H Davies, 12-1); 3, Gay Gunner (R Beggan, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Swiss Nephew (4th), 4 Danny's Luck (5th), 5 Parentus, 12 Mountain Crash, 14 King Viv, 25 My Kiluiong (6th), 33 Doc Myring, Mini, Cotswold Pearl, La Chispa, Romacina, Saravanta, Final Selection, [illegible]

3.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, INTREPID LAD (G McCourt, 14-1); 2, Keeley Louise (Peter Hobbs, 50-1); 3, Toffee Apple (M Brennan, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Sure Landing (4th), 3 Star Shiner, 4 Cloven Rocks, 12 Vulnerable, 16 Barnes Star, 25 Out Of Kindness (5th), 50 Gourtionist (f), Marsovin, Nordic Savage, Elizabeth Fry (6th), Lady Longmead, Lady Saxon (pu), Privy's Pleasure, The Golf Slide, Valrach, Showdance, Persian Blade. 20 ran. 4l, 8l, 10l, not recorded, 6l. M McCourt at [illegible]

2.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, SHREWD OPERATOR (Mr J Wrathall, 8-13 fav); 2, Brief Bazaie (Mr A Griffiths, 11-2); 3, Andantino (Mr M Price, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Smite Hill (4th), 10 Captain Kelly (ur), 14 Snob Value (ur), 20 Like Him (pu), 100 August Folly (pu). 8 ran. 5l, 25l, nk. T Casey at Adstone. Tote: £1.50 £1.10, £1.60, £8.90. DF: £3.20. CSF: £4.41.

3.15 (3m 4f ch) 1, DART OVER (B Powell, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Tullamarine [illegible]

Wolverhampton

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POINT-TO-POINT

Flash Deal fails in comeback attempt

By Brian Beel

The long-awaited return of Flash Deal, the horse who had five successive wins in the 1984-85 season before pulling up lame, proved to be a disappointment at the South Durham meeting on Saturday.

Although installed as favourite, he was never going well and had to be pulled up before the 12th fence. The race was won in good style by Robin Tate, riding Loch Ryan House, who finished 10 lengths in front of Nigel Tutty, on Zanlander.

Tutty was soon compensated when, in the open race, Whiggie Geo sprinted clear of the opposition after the 15th fence to win by a distance from Melodic Lad and Legal Emperor.

In the second division of the restricted open, Douglas Brig impressed again. This nine-year-old by New Brig did little of note when racing out of John Haldane's yard at Kelso but last week caught the eye when winning a division of the maiden race at the Haydon. On Saturday, Nick Hargreave always had him handy until taking up the running three fences from home and extending his lead with each stride to the finish.

That racing was possible at Teesside Park was due to the hard work put in by volunteers on Friday who cleared a track through the snow to ground that rode no worse than soft.

The two Love brothers, Sandy and Stephen, finished first and second, on Gandouge Lane and Barbarossa, respectively, in the members' race at the Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire, a feat made easy by the favourite, Only Alley, departing at the first, and the only other runner at the ninth.

Kevin Anderson then dominated the next two races, bringing home Whistling Thorn three lengths ahead of Head Kee's in the adjacent and winning the restricted open in facile fashion on Secret Brae.

Rhona Elliot started the season where she left off with a win in the ladies open on Fallalaw. Only six went to post and Mackinaw led the field until weakening three out when Mrs Elliot kicked on. The favourite, Fabulous, looked beaten when unseating Lucy Crow at the next fence, in second place, leaving Fallalaw clear to the line.

Although only four started for the Land Rover qualifier, two fences from home there were three in with a chance. The favourite, Craigie Way, led to the last but weakened under pressure as Michael Dun brought the outsider of the four, Nelson's Beach, with a strong run to win by four lengths from the chasing Pitcruivie.

Corporal Clinger recoups

Corporal Clinger, after falling twice in three outings this season, had a safe landing at Fontwell Park yesterday, winning the National Spirit Challenge Trophy Hurdle by five lengths.

The eight-year-old's confidence will have been restored by this victory but he remains a 20-1 chance with Ladbrokes for next month's Champion Hurdle. The bookmaking firm report heavy backing for the dual champion, See You Then, who has been cut from 2-1 to 7-4, while his stable companion, River Ceiriog has also shortened from 25-1 to 16-1.

Hywel Davies, just touched off in the first race on Sunset Valley, only got so far as the first fence in the Littlehampton Novices' Chase. His mount, Avernus, came straight down on his neck, and died almost instantly. Another fatal casualty in the race was Waydin who crashed at the fifth from home.

Prince Felix, running away in front, quickly set up a commanding lead, but it was no surprise when he ran out of steam with three fences still to jump and he gave way to Fada, who then battled on grimly to hold Jimmy Edwards by two lengths and lande his third victory in five outings.

Fada's trainer John Bosley said that Fada will now go straight to Cheltenham for the National Hunt Handicap Chase.

Penny Ffitch-Heyes, who beat champion jockey Peter Scudamore in a desperate photo finish at Fontwell back in October to score her first success as a professional, was back on her favourite hunting ground today to claim another notable scalp.

She drove Turn For The Better home half a length ahead of Sunset Valley, partnered by Hywel Davies, in the first division of the Midhurst Novices Hurdle.

Morshead out

Sam Morshead and William Humphreys both took heavy falls at Wolverhampton yesterday. Morshead received cuts and bruises after his mount, Too Often, fell. He will not ride at Huntingdon today, where he was expected to ride the useful Celtic Chief.

William Humhreys was taken to Wolverhampton Royal Infirmary with a suspected fractured pelvis after a fall from Copper King.

BOXING: THE PUNCH THAT BOWLED OVER BUMPHUS HITS THE JACKPOT FOR THE CHAMPION

Honeyghan's island in the sun

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

When Lloyd Honeyghan dropped Johnny Bumphus with a bump from a short right to the chin in the first round, thereby effectively ending the American's challenge for the International Boxing Federation title at Wembley, he hit the jackpot.

Before Sunday night was out he had received offers from representatives of Prince Rainier of Monaco and Edward Seaga, the Prime Minister of Jamaica. Next week Honeyghan and his manager, Mickey Duff, will be flying out to Monaco and Kingston to have talks with promoters.

Honeyghan will defend his World Boxing Council and IBF titles in April or May and August. "Let's get the show on the road. I don't care where I fight as long as the money is right", Honeyghan said yesterday.

Duff said that Honeyghan was ready for any of the top 10 welterweights. "There is not a welterweight around who could worry him in the foreseable future. There might still be a few unbelievers but after he has knocked over two or three more welterweights he will be unmatchable.

"I can't see anyone coming up and the time will come when he may have to go up to a higher weight," Duff said. "I would love Donald Curry to win the light-middleweight title so I could go up and fight him," Honeyghan said.

Though the million-dollar unification title bout between him and Mark Breland, the World Boxing Association champion, has been ruled out at present for two years because Breland has been suspended from the WBC ratings for boxing Harold Volbrecht, of South Africa, for the title vacated by Honeyghan, Duff hinted that if the money was right ways could be found round the problem.

But Honeyghan could still make a nice little fortune boxing in Jamaica. The Jamaicans are so excited about the idea of putting him on there that they would like him to appear in April or May and August, particularly August 6, which marksthe 25th anniversary of the island's independence.

The pug and the bull terriers: Supreme Champion Honeyghan in a clinch with Honey and Cobra (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Vivian Rochester, from the Institute of Sport in Kingston, said: "We have always believed that an island that can produce three world champions should put on a world title fight. Don King is thinking of putting on a big fight extravaganza in Jamaica in August with Mike McCallum and Trevor Berbick. "Honeyghan could be a part of that", Mr Rochester said.

With such adventures in store for him it was not entirely surprising to see Honeyghan wearing a Tin-Tin and Captain Haddock sweater at the press conference yesterday. Cuddling his two bull terrier pups, Honey and Cobra, he did not look at all like the man who had rushed out at the bell for the second round and thumped Bumphus even before he had had time to hitch his trunks up

There had been no need for such tactics, especially as Honeyghan admitted that the blow that jack-knifed him in the first round had finished off Bumphus. "When I was moving him backwards in the first round I noticed that he was holding his hands up, so I threw a right straight through the middle. That was the beginning of the end."

Though he did not apologize for the second-round incident — which cost him a point — he admitted that he was more psyched up than usual for the bout.

It was surprising that there was so little resistance from Bumphus in the bout. One had heard about his inability to punch and the vulnerability of his chin but it was disappointing that he was not able to make a fight of it by getting his boxing together.

He can box, Bumphus made no attempt to stand up and use his reach advantage. Instead, he brought himself down to Honeghan's level and stuck his chin out trying to pick his shots and played right into Honeyghan's hands.

Early warning call

Terry Marsh's world light welterweight title challenge against Joe Manley could be the first British boxing event to introduce a "10-second warning" before the start of each round.

Bob Mittleman, co-manager of IBF champion, Manley, will ask the British boxing board officials to introduce the rule for the March 4 date at Basildon following the controversial finish to Lloyd Honeyghan's win over Johnny Bumphus

Mittleman said at his Basildon training headquarters yesterday: "it would be beneficial to everybody if there was a 10-second warning."Some places in America use a flashlight while others say '10 seconds, seconds out'. But I guess that is up to the British board and I will ask for it if I get the chance to talk to secretary John Morris."

Mittleman will ask for a strong referee to be appointed for the bout. "I am not taking anything away from Marsh," he said. "He is a clever boxer but in that N'kanlenkete fight he held a lot and used head. He is a dangerous adversary without a strong referee."

Unless the training facilities for his boxer are improved Mittleman could take Manley away from the Festival Hall, Basildon, and look elsewhere.He said he might seek other training facilities at the gymnasium of Terry Lawless if his wishes were not answered by noon today.

Mittleman complained that the floor of the training ring, with several loose boards, needed to be fixed and reinforced and the canvas tightened.

FOOTBALL

Supermen swoop back into action

By Simon O'Hagan

A European tradition is revived in Monte Carlo tonight when **Steaua Bucharest** meet **Dynamo Kiev** in the Super Cup, a contest that pits the European Cup-holders against the holders of the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

The Super Cup dates back to 1972 — when Ajax beat Rangers 6-3 on aggregate — but it was three years ago that it was last held. Then, Juventus beat Liverpool 2-0 over one leg instead of the usual two.

After the Brussels tragedy of 1985, the match was not staged, and some doubt was cast over its future until UEFA decided, earlier this season, that it still had a part to play — if only as a money-spinner.

While tonight's match — a one-legged affair — may not be played in the keenest of spirits, it is nonetheless an important one for two teams who have not played competitively since the end of last year.

Steaua, unexpected winners of last year's European Cup, were knocked out in the first round of this season's competition by Anderlecht, but they had a clear lead at the top of the Romanian League when their mid-season break began in December.

However, tonight, they will be missing two of their best players — their goalkeeper, Ducadam, whose penalty saves effectively won them the European Cup, and Boloni, their most creative force in midfield.

For Kiev — and the Soviet Union national team, which they largely constitute — this promises to be the year when they go on to even greater things after their spectacular rise in 1986. The really serious business resumes next week when they meet Besiktas, of Turkey, in the quarter-finals of the European Cup.

Kiev's fellow-European Cup quarter-finalists, **Real Madrid**, beat **Cadiz** 2-1 at the weekend to narrow the gap at the top of the Spanish League, but they lost Butragueño with an ankle injury that may keep him out of next week's tie against Red Star Belgrade and had Sanchez sent off. Before his dismissal, which means he will be suspended next weekend, Sanchez scored both Real's goals.

Barcelona were surprisingly held to a goalless draw in **Las Palmas**.

Everything is going **Napoli's** way in Italy. The League leaders won 1-0 at **Torino**, while the second-placed team, **Inter-Milan**, lost 1-0 at **Roma**. Meanwhile, Liam Brady, in dispute with **Ascoli**, was kept on the substitute's bench throughout his team's goalless draw against **Avellino**.

In West Germany, where League football has resumed after a two-month mid-season break, **Hamburg** beat **Borussia Mönchengladbach** 3-1 to go a point clear of **Bayern Munich**, who were held to a 2-2 draw by **Borussia Dortmund**.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN: Independiente 3, Deportivo Espanol 0; Instituto Cordoba 0, San Lorenzo 0; Ferro Carril Oeste 2, River Plate 3; Newells Old Boys 1, Temperley 2; Estudiantes 3, Union 1; Racing Cordoba 1, Argentinos Juniors 1; Deportivo Italiano 2, Gimnasia y Esgrima 0; Boca Juniors 4, Rosario Central 1; Velez Sarsfield 0, Talleres 2; Platense 0, Racing Club 2. Leading positions: 1, Independiente, 37pts; 2, San Lorenzo, 36; 3, Newells Old Boys 35.

BULGARIAN: Sredets 3, Spartak Pleven 1; Vitosha 7, Vratsa 1; Trakia 4, Dimitrovgrad 1; Akademik 3, Etur 0; Spartak Varna 5, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 2; Chernomorets 1, Lokomotiv Sofia 3; Pirin 2, Beroe 0; Sliven 2, Slavia 2. Leading positions: 1, Sredets played 17, 25pts; 2, Vitosha, 17, 24; 3, Slavia, 17, 24.

DUTCH: Den Bosch 5, Pec Zwolle 2; AZ 67 Alkmaar 2, Roda JC Kerkrade 1; Ajax 6, Haarlem 0. Cup result: Feyenoord 1, Den Haag 2. Other matches postponed. Leading positions: 1, Ajax, played 21, 38pts; 2, PSV, 19, 33; 3, Den Bosch, 20, 24.

GREEK: Kalamaria 4, Apollo 1; Yiannina 0, Iraklis 1; Doxa 2, OFI Iraklion 0; Larissa 1, Olympiakos 2; Panathinaikos 3, Diagoras 1; Panionios 3, Veria 1; PAOK Salonika 2, Aris Salonika 0; AEK Athens 2, Ethnikos 1. Leading positions: 1, Olympiakos, played 19, 31pts; 2, PAOK, 19, 27; 3, OFI, 19, 26.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Dundalk 1, Athlone Town 0; Galway United 2, Bray Wanderers 1; Home Farm 0, Limerick City 1; St Patrick's Athletic 1, Shamrock Rovers 3; Sligo Rovers 0, Cork City 0; Waterford United 2, Bohemians 0. Leading positions: 1, Shamrock Rovers, played 18, 33pts; 2, Waterford United 18, 25; 3, Dundalk, 18, 25.

ITALIAN: Avellino 0, Ascoli 0; Brescia 2, Como 0; Empoli 0, Atalanta 0; AC Milan 1, Juventus 1; Roma 1, Inter Milan 0; Sampdoria 0, Verona 0; Torino 0, Napoli 1; Udinese 1, Fiorentina 1. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, played 19, 30pts; 2, Inter Milan, 19, 26; 3, Juventus, 19, 25.

PORTUGUESE: Benfica 2, Elvas 0; Salgueiros 0, FC Porto 3; Vitoria Guimaraes 0, Farense 0; Portimonense 1, Sporting Lisbon 1; Rio Ave 1, Varzim 1; Belenenses 1, Boavista 2; Chaves 3, Maritimo 1; Academica 0, Braga 0. Leading positions: 1, Benfica, played 20, 34pts; 2, Porto, 20, 32; 3, Vitoria Guimaraes, 20, 31.

SPANISH: Athletic Bilbao 0, Seville 1; Valladolid 1, Sabadell 0; Real Madrid 2, Cadiz 1; Espanol 3, Mallorca 1; Murcia 2, Santander 1; Gijon 3, Osasuna Pamplona 0; Zaragoza 1, Real Sociedad 0; Betis Seville 2, Atletico Madrid 1; Las Palmas 0, Barcelona 0. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona, played 26, 42pts; 2, Real Madrid, 26, 39; 3, Espanol, 26, 36.

WEST GERMAN: FC Nuremberg 5, Werder Bremen 1; FC Cologne 1, VFL Bochum 0; SV Hamburg 3, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1; FC Kaiserslautern 2, Blau-Weiss Berlin 0; Fortuna Düsseldorf 3, Eintracht Frankfurt 3; Borussia Dortmund 2, Bayern Munich 2. Postponed: Bayer Uerdingen v FC Homburg; VFB Stuttgart v Waldhof Mannheim; FC Schalke v Bayer Leverkusen. Leading positions: 1, SV Hamburg, played 18, 26pts; 2, Bayern Munich, 18, 25; 3, Bayer Leverkusen, 17, 22.

YUGOSLAV: Red Star Belgrade 0, Pristina 0; Spartak Subotica 1, Partizan Belgrade 1; Dinamo Vinkovci 1, Buducnost 1; Velez Mostar 1, Celik Zenica 0; Radnicki Nis 0, Dinamo Zagreb 0; Vardar Skopje 2, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 1; Sarajevo 1, Sloboda Tuzla 0; Sutjeska Niksic 2, Osijek 1; Hajduk Split 2, Rijeka 0. Leading positions: 1, Vardar, played 18, 22pts; 2, Partizan, 18, 20; 3, Velez, 18, 19.

GOLF

Chen's sudden-death benefit

From John Ballantine, Pacific Pallisades, California

Tze-Chung Chen's dramatic victory over Ben Crenshaw in the Los Angeles Open should do as much for golf in Taiwan as Isao Aoki's win in Hawaii in 1983 did for the game in Japan.

Chen, aged 28, who led by two strokes over Crenshaw at the start of the final round, followed the American into the hole for a birdie from 15 feet on the 18th green, and the professionals from Texas and Taiwan were tied at nine under par. Danny Edwards might have made it a three-man play-off, but he missed the green and could only make par.

At the first hole of 'sudden death', the 449-yard 15th, Chen hit a four-iron to 14 feet. Crenshaw pulled his drive slightly and his ball ran on to the centre of a pebbly cart-track. "I could have picked and dropped without penalty, but I was afraid I might drop into deep grass," the 1984 Masters champion said later. "I took my chance and hit clean off the path, using a three-iron, which was more club than I would have used from grass."

His ball ran into a bunker. He pitched it out to three feet but after Chen had failed with his birdie chance for an outright victory, the little Texan did not even make contact with the hole. It was his sixth defeat in play-offs.

"It was a typical Riviera putt," he explained. "There was a lot of left-to-right break but I hit it too firmly." Crenshaw was typically generous in his praise of Chen's achievement. "He's a really gritty player and should have had it won before the end. He just missed five or six chances during his round."

Chen, in halting English, explained that there are only 30 courses on the island of Taiwan, which has a population of 18 million, although there are 20 good professionals there. Unfortunately, his countrymen did not see his victory on television as the Japanese did Aoki's.

Severiano Ballesteros was strongly in the race after getting a lucky ricochet off a metal post at the short fourth, where his tee-shot was going right through the green. He holed the resulting 30-footer to get to a challenging seven under, but after that, his judgement of irons was woefully poor. He was very short at three holes.

This occasioned some guarded satisfaction to the professional caddies, who have jealously seen the Spaniard's bag being carried for two tournaments by his older brother, Vicente. Mac O'Grady, it is said, wrote out a cheque for $10,000 to his caddie after winning $90,000 in the Tournament of Champions in January, a generous 11 per cent. It is interesting to guess what percentage Ballesteros gave his brother; at any rate, all the $17,400 he won for ninth place will stay in the family.

WEEKEND RESULTS

PACIFIC PALLISADES, California: Los Angeles Open tournament: Final leading scores: 275: Tze-Chung Chen (Taiwan), B Crenshaw (US); Chung won on play-off. 276: D Edwards. 277: S Pate, L Wadkins, D Pooley, B Wadkins. 278: D Hammond. 279: S Ballesteros (Sp). 280: R Tway, P McGowan, R Dalpos, N Price (SA), S Hoch, M O'Meara, W Sander. British scores: 290: K Brown. 294: P Parkin.

MELBOURNE: Victorian Open tournament: Final scores (Australian unless stated): 277: R Mackay. 278: G Norman. 281: S Torrance (GB). 282: R Davis, R Rafferty (GB). 284: I Baker-Finch. 285: D Feherty (GB). 286: I Woosnam (GB). 287: P Foley, T Gale. Other British scores: 288: N Faldo. 295: G Brand jnr. 304: M Bembridge.

MBABANE: Sunshine circuit, final scores (S African unless stated): 258: M McNulty. 265: W Westner. 269: J Bland; S Hobday. 272: F Allem, H Balocchi.

HARARE: Zimbabwe Open tournament: Final scores: (GB unless stated): 277: G J Brand; A Murray: Brand won play-off. 281: W Koen (Zim), J Morgan.

MANILA: Philippine Open: Final scores: 288: B Tennyson (US). 289: C Tze-ming (Taiwan). 290: J Hallet (US), A Fernando (Phil). 291: B Ray Brown (US). 292: G Twiggs (US), H Ming-chung (Taiwan), T Parnice (US). 294: D Tentis (US), D Peege (US), R Lavares (Phil).

HAWAII: Women's Open tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 207: C Ranck. 209: J Geddes. 210: A Ritzman. 212: L Peterson, H Stacy. 213: P Bradley, P Hammel. 214: M Spencer-Devlin, P Sheehan, J Coles, M Nause.

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian women's open: Final scores: 220: I Shotani (Jap). 221: H Inoue (Jap). 222: L Neumann (Swe). 223: K Yamaguchi (Jap). 225: D Dowling (GB), D Reid (GB). 226: K Matsuda (Jap), R Mizunaga (Jap). 227: K Espinasse (Fr), J Furst (US).

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday February 28 unless stated

LITTLEWOODS CUP SEMI-FINAL, 2ND LEG

Not on coupons: Tottenham v Arsenal (Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION

1 Coventry v Charlton
1 Norwich v A Villa
1 QPR v Manchester C
X Sheffield W v Watford
X Wimbledon v Newcastle
Not on coupons: Liverpool v Southampton; Luton v West Ham; Manchester United v Everton; Nottingham Forest v Chelsea

SECOND DIVISION

1 Birmingham v Hull
X C Palace v Blackburn
X Grimsby v Sheffield U
2 Leeds v Bradford
X Millwall v Derby
2 Oldham v Huddersfld
X Plymouth v Barnsley
X Portsmouth v Stoke
X Sunderland v Ipswich
1 WBA v Brighton
Not on coupons: Shrewsbury v Reading

THIRD DIVISION

1 Bournemouth v York
2 Bristol R v Notts Co
1 Bury v Brentford
X Carlisle v Newport
1 Chesterfld v Bolton
2 Darlington v Bristol C
1 Fulham v Walsall
1 Gillingham v Mansfield
X Port Vale v Blackpool
1 Swindon v Middlesbro
1 Wigan v Rotherham
Not on coupons: Doncaster v Chester (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION

2 Aldershot v Swansea
X Burnley v Tranmere
X Camb U v Scunthorpe
X Cardiff v Peterboro
1 Crewe v Hartlepool
1 Orient v Lincoln
1 Preston v Wolves
1 Wrexham v Rochdale

Not on coupons: Colchester v Hereford (Friday); Northampton v Halifax (Friday); Southend v Exeter (Friday); Stockport v Torquay (Friday)

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Camb C v Alvechurch
1 Crawley v Shepshed
1 Dartford v K Lynn
X Salisbury v Redditch
1 Willenhall v Basingstoke
1 Worcester v Witney

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Aberdeen v Dundee U
X Clydebank v Hamilton
2 Dundee v Celtic
1 Hearts v St Mirren
1 Motherwell v Falkirk
1 Rangers v Hibernian

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Airdrie v Q of Sth
2 Clyde v Morton
1 Dumbarton v Partick
2 Forfar v Dunfermline
2 Kilmarnock v E Fife
X Montrose v Brechin

SCOTTISH SECOND

2 Alloa v Cowdenbeath
1 Arbroath v Stenhsmr
2 E Stirling v St Johnstone
1 Meadowbank v Albion
1 Queen's Park v Ayr
1 Raith v Stirling
Not on coupons: Stranraer v Berwick

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Wimbledon, Crystal Palace, Grimsby, Millwall, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Sunderland, Carlisle, Port Vale, Cambridge United, Cardiff, Clydebank.

BEST DRAWS: Millwall, Sunderland, Cambridge United, Cardiff, Clydebank.

AWAYS: Notts County, Bristol City, Swansea, Morton, St Johnstone.

HOMES: WBA, Bournemouth, Wigan, Crewe, Orient, Preston, Wrexham, Dartford, Hearts, Rangers, Airdrie, Queen's Park.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: WBA, Bournemouth, Wigan, Wrexham, Rangers. Aways: Bradford, Huddersfield, Swansea. Draws: Wimbledon, Crystal Palace, Plymouth.

SKIING

British sights set on the Lowlanders

Oberstdorf, West Germany — Battered after the Nordic world championships here, Britain's team can look forward with some relief to the next objective — the Lowlanders contest next week at Isny, just up the road from this West German resort (Michael Coleman writes). A season living out of suitcases, may at last bring its reward.

Apart from those inveterate globetrotters, the Australians, no other racers at last week's Nordic battles here carried Britain's burden of having to live the whole winter abroad to find both snow and competition.Add to that a support team that could be counted on two fingers, no mechanic and no physiotherapist, and British performances can be viewed in a different light.

The Lowlanders brings together those nations or regions that do not normally have snow on their doorsteps.Last year, the Northern French swept the board, with Britain second, but it is hoped that the roles will be reversed this time, with both John Spotswood and Ewan Mackenzie looking for an edge.

RUGBY UNION

Selectors weigh the evidence of resolute England B players

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

When the England selectors discuss the team to play Wales in Cardiff on March 7 today, they face a knotty little problem: whether to accept the evidence of Friday's B international and promote some of the players who did well on a frosty night at Bath, or to stick with the team which played with such resolve at Twickenham on Saturday.

In terms of all-round performance, the game against France at Bath was one of the two best displays I have seen from players in an England jersey in the last five years (the other was against Western Province in 1984). The B team played with such skill and vigour that they reduced what was — on paper anyway — a powerful French side to bad-tempered bouts of ill-discipline, and Jean-Pierre Romeu, the assistant coach to Jacques Fouroux, returned to the senior side "with doubt and fear," according to Fouroux.

England B responded to a set of seven questions asked of them by Alan Davies, the coach, before the match which, in essence, constituted a game plan by concensus. They decided how they wanted to play the game, how they thought France would play and their co-ordination and determination took their opponents by surprise.

If one looked for heroes from that match, Alan Simmons might fit the bill. The Wasps hooker took an almighty pounding in the set scrums; both eyes were nearly closed afterwards, from punching and gouging, and at one stage he looked as though he might have to leave the field, but he was admirably sustained by his props, Jeff Probyn and Lee Johnson, and took three balls against the head.

Andy Robinson, the Bath open-side flanker, had a marvellous match, driving forward close to the ground and laying back possession which David Holmes used to excellent effect. The Sheffield scrum half made mistakes, largely those of inexperience, but it is worth remembering that he served his apprenticeship with Alan Old as his half back partner and there was no shrewder player in England during the 1970s.

Peter Williams, too, played well at stand-off half. He took the ball deep, kicked with authority and gave his centres room in which to play.

In my view it settled the argument as to whether he should play at stand-off or full back, even though he may return to full back on Saturday if Simon Langford cannot lead Orrell in their cup match against Gloucester because of injury. But the French B side bore no comparison with the XV which played at Twickenham. France, too, had another team out over the weekend, which beat Italy 22-9 in Padua while playing indifferently.

Against France's Five Nations championship side, the senior England players performed well enough to be given a vote of confidence against the Welsh. There will be discussion, for instance, of the full back position, where Jon Webb, of Bristol, re-stated his case with 18 points in the B international and looked so good coming forward in attack — the very situation in which Marcus Rose was twice caught in two minds on Saturday.

But in other respects, Rose has been admirably safe this season: his catching has been outstanding in his two matches and at Twickenham, he kicked four goals and hit the woodwork with two of his three other attempts: that was the sort of return both Gavin Hastings and Michael Kiernan would have envied up at Murrayfield.

Could England's midfield have done more against Sella and company? Few other countries have managed much against them; Wales looked unlikely to break them down in Paris, despite the genius of Jonathan Davies, and it will be instructive to see if the experienced John Rutherford can find more space against them when Scotland play on March 7.

Yet the fact remains that, in this season's championship, England have played two, lost two. Realistically, they have no chance of winning the championship.

If change is to be made, now is the time, even though the next game is in Cardiff, where they have not won since 1963. But I imagine the side that finished Saturday's game will go in again; there will be a check on Mike Harrison's bruised hip and, conceivably, a hopeful enquiry to Leicester about Dean Richards.

France will field against Scotland the side that beat England, with one change at lock, where Alain Lorieux, of Aix-les-Bains, has two broken ribs. He will be replaced by an old favourite, Francis Haget, now aged 37, the Biarritz croupier who played against Italy after coming into the side because of an injury to Yvon Roux. Haget made his debut as long ago as 1974 and has won 36 caps.

RFU to lose their county sponsors

By David Hands

The Rugby Football Union confirmed yesterday that Thorn EMI, county championship sponsors for the last eight years, will withdraw from their present three-year agreement after this season's final on April 11.

The decision has been reached by mutual agreement, but may reflect not only changes in the company's advertising strategy, but also a certain unhappiness at the limited exposure they receive from the championship and, more recently, the divisional championship.

The current sponsorship agreement between the RFU and Thorn was worth £105,000 last season and £110,000 this. There is one more year of the present agreement to run and, it is understood, compensation will be made in the form of a donation to the RFU's charitable trust.

Colonel Dennis Morgan, the RFU's administrative secretary, said yesterday that immediate steps were being taken to find new sponsors: "We have no reason to believe we should have difficulty," he said.

In a statement, the RFU expressed their appreciation of Thorn EMI's support. Their joint discussions "took full account of changes in Thorn EMI's changing corporate communications strategy and all the RFU's requirements for sponsorship in the light of the changing competitive structure of the game.

"The RFU is extremely appreciative of the generous support Thorn EMI have given to the game over the past eight years. Thorn EMI will continue to take an interest in the future development of rugby football, though not actively as sponsors."

Both the divisional and the county championships will be on offer to new sponsors. At the same time, the RFU's current three-year agreement with Imperial Tobacco Limited for sponsorship of the John Player Special Cup comes to an end this season and is being negotiated amid an atmosphere hostile to the involvement of tobacco companies in sport.

The agreement between the RFU and Imperial Tobacco, which has lasted since 1975, is worth £110,000 this season and includes an automatic right of renewal for a further year

The money from this competition goes to the clubs involved — just as the sponsorship money from Thorn EMI went to the constituent bodies, rather than to the RFU.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
Fifth round replay

Watford v Walsall (7.45)

Second division

Barnsley v Grimsby Town

Third division

Darlington v York City (7.45)
Newport County v Bournemouth
Postponed: Blackpool v Fulham

Fourth division

Halifax Town v Lincoln City
Rochdale v Aldershot
Torquay Utd v Northampton

Freight Rover Trophy
Northern Area
Quarter-final

Bury v Mansfield

Scottish first division

Airdrieonians v Forfar Ath
Brechin City v Dunfermline

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers v East Stirling
St Johnstone v Berwick
Stirling Alb v Stranraer

FULL MEMBERS CUP: Quarter-final: Postponed: Everton v Charlton.

WELSH FA CUP: Quarter-final: Wrexham v Brynbo Steelworks.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds v Manchester United (7.0); Manchester City v Everton (6.45); Sheffield United v Derby. Second division: Bradford v Stoke; Rotherham v Preston (7.0).

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Third round: Buxton v Scarborough. Third round replay: Kettering v Altrincham.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Trowbridge v Poole. Premier division: Fisher v Dudley; Gosport v Crawley. Midland division: Bridgnorth v Leamington; Halesowen v Grantham; Stourbridge v Merthyr Tydfil. Southern division: Ashford v Hastings Town; Canterbury v Corinthians; Erith and Belvedere v Chatham.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon v Harrow; Slough v Bishop's Stortford; Windsor and Eton v Wycombe. First division: Basildon v Grays; Kingsbury v Maidenhead United; Leatherhead v Leytonstone Ilford (7.45); Leyton Wingate v Oxford City; Staines v Stevenage; Wembley v Bracknell. Second division north: Cheshunt v Vauxhall Motors; Harlow v Hornchurch; Hertford v Tring. Second division south: Chalfont St Peter v Whyteleafe; Chertsey v Marlow; Metropolitan Police v Molesey; Southall v Horsham.

ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Semi-final second replay: Braintree v Saffron Walden.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Bury v Haverhill; Colchester United v Tiptree; Great Yarmouth v Brantham; Harwich and Parkeston v Stowmarket; Histon v Felixstowe; Newmarket v March; Soham v Wisbech; Watton v Chatteris.

ESSEX LEAGUE: Senior section: Witham v Halstead; Woodford v Chelmsford.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol City v Plymouth Argyle; Paulton v Mangotsfield; Bristol Manor Farm v Chippenham.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Rothwell v Holbeach.

WESSEX LEAGUE: Bashley v Wellworthy; Eastleigh v Sholing; Newport v Lymington.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT COMPETITION: Barking v Heybridge.

HOCKEY

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford v Cambridge (at Lord's, 2.45).

SQUASH RACKETS

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE (6.30): Visco Monroe v Ardleigh Hall; Gatorade Chapel Allerton v Manchester Northern; Arrow Village v InterCity Cannons; Home Ales Nottingham v Halls West Country; Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill v Central-Skol Oadby.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Surrey championships (at Wimbledon S and BC).

BOXING: Tournaments: Ilford Palais; Latchmere Centre, Battersea; Plaza, Glasgow.

RACKETS: Army championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

REAL TENNIS: Combined Services championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

SNOOKER: Dulux British open (at Assembly Rooms, Derby).

TENNIS: LTA Men's indoor tournament (at Croydon).

SPORT ON TV

ACTION REPLAY: European Cup: Celtic v Inter Milan, May 1967. BBC1: 8.50-9pm.

BOWLS: Invitation crown green pairs tournament, St Helens. BBC2: 6.50pm.

MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL: FA Cup fifth round replay highlights: Snooker: Dulux British open, Derby; round-up of national and international football news. ITV: 10.30pm.

SNOOKER: Dulux British open, Derby. C4: 2pm.

TENNIS

A mental gap for Edberg to bridge

From Richard Evans
Indian Wells

Power and an uncanny ability to come up with winning shots on the really big points are the two main factors that separate Boris Becker from Stefan Edberg, the player with whom he will form his greatest rivalry over the next few years.

The difference between the 19-year-old West German and the 21-year-old Swede is not nearly as great as Becker's winning margin of 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 in the final of the Pilot Pen Classic here at Grand Champions, California would suggest.

When he is serving well, which he was not here on Sunday, Edberg's second serve is as good as Becker's. He volleys just as well, hits with greater fluency off the ground and, despite the initial efforts of Frank Dick, moves about court slightly better than his heavier-built rival.

Throughout the match Edberg was good enough to get Becker to 30-30 on his serve and a couple of times had 0-30 but it was at crucial moments like those that the Swede failed to press forward, get his returns in deep and put Becker under pressure."

"I don't know why I play better on the big points," said Becker. "It just happens. It is not something you can explain. I think maybe I am mentally tougher than Stefan."

That is fair comment but Becker's remark should not be taken to mean that Edberg is a mental midget when it comes to withstanding pressure. Pat Cash found out just how tough he can be in the fifth set of the Australian Open.

Nevertheless, the coach, Tony Pickard, is aware that little weaknesses in attitude still exist in Edberg's mental framework.

"Stefan's got to get over the fact that Boris mis-hits a lot," said Pickard. "I know it's annoying when shots fly past you off the frame but in the long run it doesn't matter how the ball gets over the net. You've got to stop worrying about how lucky you think the other guy is and get on with it."

Meanwhile the tournament which got off to a staggeringly successful start at its new Grand Champions home — sell-out notices were up for the last two days outside the 10,500-seat stadium — will change sponsors again next year. Pilot Pen's remaining contract has been bought out so that the tournament director, Charlie Pasarell, can turn to *Newsweek* magazine as an all-embracing sponsor for three events he wants to stage here in 1988 — the men's grand prix, a Virginia Slims on the women's tour and an over-35 championship.

The reasons for the huge commitment *Newsweek* is making to tennis over the next five years is highly significant for the future of sporting sponsorship because they are the first sponsors in my experience who do not view television exposure as the prime requisite for laying their dollars on the table.

RESULTS: Men's singles final: B Becker (WG) bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-4, 6-4, 7-5. Doubles final: Y Noah and G Forget (Fr) bt Becker and E Jelen (WG), 6-4, 7-6).

Missing out on paradise

Eighteen of the top 20 men and 19 of the top women have decided upon the island paradise of Key Biscayne just off the coast of Miami for what is rapidly becoming accepted as a fifth "grand slam" event (Barry Wood writes).

Only Pat Cash, who has had an operation on his knee, and John McEnroe, who has had an operation on his mouth — the extraction of four wisdom teeth — are missing from the men's draw, with Kathy Jordan absent from the women because of an injured shoulder.

FOOTBALL

Wimbledon's warriors threaten Tottenham advance on Wembley

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The nation is about to be treated to a series of spectacular live television programmes featuring the most exciting side in the country. Tottenham Hotspur will become the stars on Sunday on both channels next month as they approach Wembley from two different directions.

In five days time, BBC cameras will follow their progress during the second leg of their Littlewoods Cup semi-final against Arsenal. A fortnight later, on March 15, the lenses of ITV will reveal their fate during the FA Cup sixth-round tie at Plough Lane, the graveyard of Everton's hopes.

Viewers who watched Wimbledon dismantle the barricades" of Everton last Sunday will empathise with Tottenham after yesterday's draw. To leave there unscathed, visitors must be ready to shed 'blood — as illustrated by Ratcliffe — and more than a few pounds of sweat.

Wimbledon do not so much play football as wage war. Appropriately enough, last week they prepared at an army camp in Dorset where they were attired in battle dress. But the commando raids on the ground, and the bombardment in the air, did not end until Everton's resistance had been crushed.

Tottenham can expect the same intimidatory tactics. Wimbledon know no other. Besides, it works against considerably more gifted individuals, as Tottenham found out for themselves during a League fixture in November. They lost 2-1 at White Hart Lane.

"We played well there," Dave Bassett, Wimbledon's manager, said yesterday. "Unfortunately, our victory was overshadowed by the dismissals of Sanchez and Roberts." At least that particular conflict cannot be renewed but the tiny stadium is sure to echo to the sound of shuddering tackles.

There could scarcely be a greater contrast between the refined quality of Tottenham, which Bassett admits is of "the highest possible calibre", and the raw aggression of Wimbledon. "They play a totally different type of football to us," he added. "It should be a cracker".

The club's managing director is looking far beyond the match that could fill the ground for the first time. Sam Hammam is "planning for the 21st century" and seems certain to attempt to lift Wimbledon out of their cramped abode, perhaps into a spacious new home in Wandle Village South.

Sixth round draw

Arsenal v Walsall or Watford
Wimbledon v Tottenham
Sheffield Wednesday or West Ham v Coventry City
Wigan v Leeds United
(Ties to be played on March 14, except Wimbledon v Tottenham on March 15)

"Dave Bassett is not paid half of what he is worth and none of our players receive more than £375 a week basic," he said. "How much longer can we expect them to stay if we don't give them the right amount — and how can we afford to buy the players that we want?"

His feels that his argument would be strengthened if Wimbledon take another historical step and reach the semi-finals. The odds suggest otherwise. Tottenham are second favourites behind Arsenal, who will stay at home for the third time. Their guests will probably be Watford.

Walsall may be enfeebled during tonight's replay at Vicarage Road. Christie, their scorer on Saturday, Hawker, Jones and Mower are all receiving treatment. Tommy Coakley, their manager, has asked his assistant, Ray Train, who appeared 100 times for Watford, to stand by. Watford themselves expect to be unchanged.

Coakley could yet revive golden memories. He played for Arsenal with George Graham, the current manager, in 1966. So could Walsall. They caused one of the biggest upsets in the competition's history by beating Arsenal 2-0 in 1933. They also won 2-1 at Highbury in a Milk Cup tie four years ago.

But Walsall are considered 300-1 outsiders. The club who looked most likely to carry the flag for the underdogs in the last four were the youngest members of the League, Wigan Athletic, until they were deprived of home advantage — where they have lost only one of their last 34 FA Cup ties — against Leeds United.

Wigan had never reached the fifth round before, and Coventry City have never progressed beyond the sixth. After winning at Manchester United and Stoke, they have been drawn away again. Their destiny, though it will not be known until tomorrow night, is probably Upton Park.

West Ham United, another representative in a strong London contingent, are expected to beat both Sheffield Wednesday, in their replay, and Coventry. In so doing, they would set a milestone. Although they have beaten Coventry in nine successive League fixtures, they have yet to knock them out of the FA Cup.

Injured Olsen will be offered new contract

Jesper Olsen, the Manchester United winger, who will be out of action for a month with damaged knee ligaments, is to be offered a new contract. Earlier this season there were suggestions that the Danish international might return to the continent when his present contract expires this summer.

United, with two goalkeepers injured, will not risk Gary Bailey in today's testimonial game for Jimmy Rimmer at Swansea. Instead Rimmer, their former goalkeeper, now 39, will turn out for United.

● The Nottingham Forest manager, Brian Clough, has assured Johnny Metgod that he has a future with the club. Metgod's current contract ends this season and he has been out of the first team for several matches.

Clough said: "I would like nothing better than for him to stay with us. I can understand his feelings about not being in the senior side but as soon as the chance arises I will start talking to him about a new contract, because his experience and skill are invaluable to us."

● Bristol Rovers have appointed Bob Twyford as the club's secretary. Twyford, a former policeman, who resigned from a similar job with Bristol City two years ago saying he was sickened by crowd violence, is happy to be coming back because he feels football fans are coming to their senses.

Southampton pair fit for Liverpool tie

Mark Wright, the England centre-half, has recovered from a hamstring injury and will line up for Southampton in tomorrow night's second-leg Littlewoods Cup semi-final at Liverpool. Colin Clarke, the Northern Ireland forward, will also play, having recovered from a thigh injury, as Southampton attempt to break the 0-0 deadlock of the first leg.

But Nick Holmes, Southampton's club captain and longest-serving player, is struggling to recover from a recurrence of an old groin injury.

And Southampton will definitely be without their controversial defender, Mark Dennis, who is suspended.

Tony Adams, the 20-year-old Arsenal and England defender, with his Fiat Uno Young Player of the Month award for February yesterday. Adams, who last week made his international debut against Spain, is the first player to receive two such awards in one season.

TABLE TENNIS

Cooke has made his mark

From a Correspondent
New Delhi

Desmond Douglas's challenge, in what may well be his last serious attempt upon the world championship, suffered a blow when he developed a fever, was confined to bed, and left England's 5-2 defeat to former champions, Hungary, here yesterday.

Douglas, who is 32 in July, is almost certain to miss England's last match against South Korea or the USSR today which will decide whether they finish 11th or 12th, and has only three days in which to be fit for the start of the men's singles.

Without Douglas, Alan Cooke, aged 20, played at No. 1 for England for the first time and turned in yet another of a series of encouraging performances. He scored both the England wins, one of them against the European No. 13, Zsolt Kriston, and then held two match points against one of the game's greats, Tibor Klampar.

China and South Korea came through to the final in the women's event. England once again lost.

MEN: Third Stage: Group-AAA (1st-8th): Poland 5, West Germany 1; Semi-final: China 5, Yugoslavia 0. Group-BBB (9th-16th): France 5, India 1; Czechoslovakia 5, Austria 0; Hungary 5, England 2 (Z Harczi bt S Andrew 18-21, 21-14, 21-18; T Klampar bt J Souter 21-16, 21-17; Z Kriston lost to A Cooke 15-21, 21-18, 19-21; T Klampar bt Andrew 21-18, 21-13, Z Harczi lost to A Cooke 18-21, 18-21, S Kriston bt Souter 21-19, 21-15, Klampar bt Cooke 20-22, 24-22, 21-17). Other results: Group-DDD (25th-32nd): Turkey 5, Scotland 3 (O Cimen lost to J Broe 20-22, 17-21; I Ozcelik lost to D Hannah 21-18, 12-21, 18-21; G Yaldiz bt I Stokes 21-8, 21-8; Cimen lost to Hannah 21-19, 16-21, 17-21; Yaldiz bt Broe 21-15, 21-15; Ozcelik bt Stokes 21-17, 23-21; Yaldiz bt Hannah 21-14, 13-21, 21-12; Cimen bt Stokes 21-11, 21-14). Group-FFF (41st-48th): Ireland 5, Macao 2 (A Dennison bt C Kin-meng 18-21, 21-18, 25-23; C Slevin bt W Wai-on 21-8, 21-9; J Dill lost to W Kit U 21-14, 21-23, 9-21; Slevin bt Kin-meng 21-14, 21-13, Dennison lost to Wong Kut U 19-21, 21-16, 5-21; Dill bt Wai-on 21-11, 21-12. Slevin bt Kit U 21-10, 21-12); Ireland 5, North Yemen 0 (A Dennison bt K al-Habori 21-15, 21-12; C Slevin bt N al-Damari 21-09, 21-19; J Dill bt Z Mutaher 21-19, 17-21, 21-19; Slevin bt K al-Habori 21-12, 21-12, Dennison bt Mutaher 21-15, 21-12).

WOMEN: Third Stage: Group-AAA (1st-8th): USSR 3, Yugoslavia 1; North Korea 3, Japan 1; North Korea 3 (5th place), USSR 0 (6th place); Japan 3 (7th place), Yugoslavia 2 (8th place). Semi-finals: South Korea 3, Netherlands 0. China 3, Hungary 0. Group-BBB (9th-16th): Czechoslovakia 3, Sweden 0; Taiwan 3, England 0 (L Li-zu bt A Gordon 21-18, 19-21, 21-17; C Hsu-yu bt F Elliot 21-14, 21-16; Li-zu and Chang bt L Bellinger and Elliot 21-19, 21-15); West Germany 3, France 0; Hong Kong 3, bt Poland 1; Hong Kong 3 (13th place), West Germany 2 (14th place), Poland 3 (15th place), France 1 (16th place). Other results: Group-EEE (33rd-40th): Scotland 3, Greece 1 (J Smith bt K Spanou 21-18, 16-21, 21-14; S Hurry lost to L Doumeni 14-21, 19-21; Smith and Hurry bt Doumeni and D Zardila 22-20, 17-21, 21-14, Smith bt Doumeni 21-16, 21-19); Macao 3, Nigeria 1; Thailand 3 (37th place), Scotland 1 (38th place) (P Kluenwan bt E Robb 19-21, 21-6, 21-16; C Khandhokno lost to S Hurry 19-21, 18-21; Pipattham and Pradrutakul bt Robb and Hurry 18-21, 21-15, 21-9; Pipattham bt Hurry 29-27, 21-9).

SNOOKER

Mountjoy greenery lets in Thorburn

By Sydney Friskin

Cliff Thorburn, Canada's 1980 world champion, fought courageously through the last two frames to defeat Doug Mountjoy, the Welsh champion, 5-4 for a place in the quarter-finals of the Dulux British Open tournament at Derby yesterday.

It was a question of "anything you can do, I can do better" and, though the match was slow, it was never dull. In the second frame, which Mountjoy won to level at 1-1, his 49 break was interrupted by a foul stroke on a red. Thorburn carried on to make 47 and the fate of the frame was decided on the pink, which was potted by Mountjoy.

Later, Mountjoy went 3-2 ahead after a clearance break of 74 that was full of spectacular shots — particularly the one on the black, which he despatched into a corner pocket from long range. Thorburn replied with a break of 66 and the battle was on again at 3-3.

A 38 break and a 32 clearance sent Mountjoy into a 4-3 lead, but Thorburn inexorably levelled at 4-4 with a break of 36 and seized his chance in the decider when Mountjoy left him the green. "I felt the pressure in the last frame and missed my chances," said Mountjoy. "You don't deserve to win if you do that."

John Virgo, who fancies his chances of winning the tournament, takes on Neal Foulds in the first of the quarter-finals this afternoon. After defeating Steve Davis and Cliff Wilson, Virgo said he knew how hard the competition was, but he also felt that he could win it if he continued to play well.

Virgo also knows that he faces a tough opponent in Foulds, the winner last September of the BCE International Tournament at Stoke-on-Trent. Foulds, who was beaten by Davis in the United Kingdom championship final at Preston in November, has been off the boil since, but found his touch again to beat Willie Thorne 5-2 in the fifth round at Derby.

FIFTH ROUND: C Thorburn (Can) bt D Mountjoy (Wales) 5-4. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 101-26, 52-79, 22-72, 72-31, 7-106, 87-1, 19-88, 56-27, 72-32. N Foulds (Eng) bt W Thorne (Eng) 5-2. Frame scores (Foulds first): 76-15, 37-77, 77-24, 77-45, 15-100, 97-0, 93-8.

ROWING

Tough opposition for Boat Race crews

By Jim Railton

With just over five weeks to go to the Boat Race on March 28 (12.15), Oxford and Cambridge face very testing opposition on the Tideway this weekend. Oxford's opponents are Bedford Star, victors at Henley Royal Regatta last year and a club of ambition. Cambridge face London University, who as always are anxious to stamp their authority on Oxbridge crews and did so with Oxford recently.

Cambridge row under the tutorage of the Canadian Olympic gold medal winning coach, Neil Campbell, who has also been the inspiration for those successful Ridley College schoolboys at Henley Royal Regatta. Cambridge are forced to row with substitutes at the moment with the stroke, Jim Pew, and his partner, Jim Garman, down with chicken pox. Cambridge's other walking wounded are Richard Spinks and Goldie oarsman Martin Politzer.

Oxford's seven-man Richard Hull, who is incidentally a Cambridge graduate, has a strained back and has been moved to the bow seat to ease his problem interchanging with Tony Ward.

OXFORD: R Hull (Wymondham, Robinson Cambridge and Oriel), bow; P Gish (Dartmouth, US, and Oriel), H M Pelham (St Edward's and Christ Church); *D H M Macdonald (Morrison's Academy and Mansfield), T A D Cadoux-Hudson (St Mary's Hospital and New College), G B Stewart (Bournemouth and Wadham), A D Ward (King's Chester and Oriel), P F Gleeson (St Martin's, Brentford and Hertford) stroke; A Lobbenberg (Shrewsbury and Balliol), cox.

CAMBRIDGE: *I R Clarke (Stourport HS and Fitzwilliam), bow; R A B Spink (Sherborne and Downing), N J Grundy (St Edward's and Jesus), M J Brittle (Hampton and Robinson), *S M Peel (King's Chester and Downing), *P B Broughton (Southampton University and Magdalene), J R Garman (Shrewsbury and LMBC), *J S Pew (Stanford Univ, US and Trinity), stroke; J M Wolfson (Eton and Pembroke), cox.

* A Blue.

CRICKET

Crowe and Wright in record stand

From Richard Streeton,
Wellington, New Zealand

A resolute partnership between John Wright and Martin Crowe extricated New Zealand from a perilous position against the West Indies here yesterday on the fourth day of the first Test.

Their 241 third-wicket stand was New Zealand's best against any country and represented one of the staunchest recoveries in any Test during the past decade.

When bad light brought the close, 50 minutes early, New Zealand were 272 for three in their second innings and 155 ahead. Crowe lost his wicket shortly before the end — after he and Wright had been together for six and a half hours.

New Zealand are not completely safe, but they will have to play badly now to lose. The occasional ball is keeping low, and there could be help for spin bowling on today's final day.

Wright and Crowe, whose partnership started just before tea on Sunday, resumed with New Zealand at 91 for two and still needing 26 to clear their first-innings arrears. The pair survived a horrible first-over muddle, which almost brought a run-out, but went on in their different ways to leave the West Indian bowlers looking utterly subdued.

After a watchful first hour, Crowe gradually began to unleash numerous brilliant strokes, which helped to bring him 15 fours, mostly driven or pulled.

He carries a heavy burden of expectation these days — from both the crowd and his colleagues. After his first-innings failure, it was important for New Zealand that he made runs, and his success should boost their confidence for the remaining matches.

Crowe was out when he pushed defensively against an off-cutter from Richards and gave short mid-on a simple catch. It was his sixth hundred in 33 Tests, but, more significantly, it continued what has been an extraordinary season for him.

Leading Central Districts for the first time, he took them to the Shell Trophy championship during January and early February, scoring six centuries in the eight matches. After this Test, his season's aggregate has reached 1,470 runs at an average of 98.

Before the Test, he had already passed the New Zealand aggregate record — the 1,244 runs scored by Glenn Turner in 1975-76. Crowe's seven hundreds in one summer is another record, leaving behind Everton Weekes, who made six in New Zealand for the 1955-56 West Indian touring side.

Wright, inevitably, was overshadowed by Crowe's exhilarating batting, but his tenacity and unyielding concentration were equally important for New Zealand.

For nearly seven and a half hours, Wright has struggled so far, without being in proper tune with himself, but he has refused to become rattled by either the short-pitched bowling or the odd unintentional stroke.

Wright was twice dropped behind the wicket by Dujon, who had an untidy day — at 44 against Walsh and at 53 against Garner. Square-drives and leg-side strokes brought him most of his runs, and he eventually reached his century, with 11 fours, just before Crowe was out.

Until lunch, the West Indies had bowled tightly and with some hostility. But they find it difficult nowadays to come back the way they used to do in the face of adversity and, by mid-afternoon, the quicker bowlers and some of the fieldsmen seemed to have run out of steam, and Richards never did take the new ball that, by then, was due.

As it was, Richards gave himself a long spell into the wind on either side of tea. He ignored Gomes, the only other occasional spinner at his disposal, and Holding plugged away at the opposite end.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 228 (J G Wright 75; J Garner 5 for 51)

Second Innings

J G Wright not out	102
K R Rutherford lbw Garner	6
*J V Coney c Richards b Garner	4
M D Crowe c Holding b Richards	119
D N Patel not out	4
Extras (b 9, lb 6, nb 22)	37
Total (3 wkts)	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-20, 3-261.

BOWLING: Marshall 20-6-43-0; Garner 17-3-49-2; Walsh 21-7-42-0; Holding 21-4-65-0; Richards 33-8-58-1; Gomes 2-2-0-0.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 345 (D L Haynes 121, C G Greenidge 78; E J Chatfield 4 for 102).

Umpires: B Aldridge and S Woodward.

Imran warning to India over flooded pitch

Jaipur — Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, yesterday warned that he would not allow his team to play on a damaged wicket in the third day of the third Test against India, after a thunderstorm flooded the Sawai Mansingh stadium on Sunday night (Qamar Ahmed writes). Play resumes today.

Yesterday was a rest day, but the rain continued, filling the ground to ankle-depth and apparently saturating the square. Poor covering was blamed for allowing the wicket to get soaked, and when the covers were taken off in a brief sunny interlude yesterday morning, large, wet spots at both ends of the popping crease were visible.

Imran paid a visit to the ground, and at once sounded a warning that he and his team would not accept a damaged wicket, unless it had been thoroughly dried.

"India certainly had the advantage of playing on a perfect batting track," he said. "Why should my team be subjected the use of a damaged wicket because of the inefficiency of the ground staff."

SCORE: India: First innings, 459 for 8 (R J Shastri 125, M Azharuddin 110, Kapil Dev 50).

VOLLEYBALL

Sale take a decisive step to the title

By Roddy MacKenzie

Sale put themselves firmly in the driving seat in the race for the women's first division title in the Royal Bank English League by becoming the first side this season to beat Ashcombe — the side at the top of the table — at the weekend.

The Cheshire side won the rehearsal for next month's cup final 3-1, which gives them a chance to win the championship

Ian Goswell, the Sale coach, has said that this season was for rebuilding his young side so they could take the title next year.

Ashcombe managed to keep a slender lead over Sale — who are still unbeaten — at the top of the division with a 3-0 win over Birmingham on Saturday.

North of the border, Edinburgh's Provincial Insurance wrapped up the Scottish women's title by beating Larbert, the bottom club, 3-1. It was Provincial's first title in three years. The champions, Scottish Farm, were unexpectedly beaten 3-2 by Carluke, which leaves the way open for Finnies Sport to take second place.

Another first division side, Whitburn, may withdraw from the league after being told by the Scottish Volleyball Association to forfeit their Scottish Cup quarter-final tie against Glasgow Bannerman. Whitburn sought a postponement because of illness and injuries, but the SVA refused, saying they had adequate squad cover. The angry club committee will meet to consider withdrawal.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	20	80	good	good	worn	sunny	-2
Good skiing							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	45	140	fair	powder	fair	snow	-4
Reasonable skiing conditions							
Obergurgl	130	190	good	powder	good	fine	-15
Superb skiing on all runs							
Sölden	50	180	good	powder	good	fine	-10
Superb skiing on all runs							
ITALY							
Sauze d'Oulx	60	100	good	spring	good	fine	2
Good skiing everywhere							
SWITZERLAND							
Grindelwald	60	120	good	varied	good	fine	4
Snow excellent powder slopes							
Klosters	60	150	good	powder	good	cloud	0
Good conditions everywhere							
Saas Fee	90	250	good	varied	poor	clear	-1
Some bare patches below							
St Moritz	50	60	good	varied	good	fine	-3
Excellent piste skiing							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1800ft; snow level, 2000ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete but narrow, hard packed snow on a hard base; middle runs, runs complete but narrow, hard packed snow on a hard base, lower slopes, some runs complete, hard packed snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1500ft; snow level, 1500ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow on a hard base; lower slopes, some runs complete, hard packed snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1400ft; snow level, 2200ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard packed snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; snow level, 2000ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. Forecast for today: dry, but rather cloudy; freezing at all levels; light or moderate south-westerly winds. Outlook for tomorrow: similar.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

New partnership

Sue Shapcott, who lost her partner when Trish Johnson confirmed she would be turning professional, will now team with Jane Rhodes, the England junior team captain, in the Avia Watches foursomes championship at The Berkshire on March 17-19.

No opponents

England's bid for glory in the second European women's football championship finals in Norway this summer could be hampered by lack of vital match practice. The Women's FA have booked Elland Road for an international on April 12 but despite strenuous efforts have yet to find overseas opposition.

At their peak

Plans unveiled for next year's World Cup show that mountain running will be held in Britain for the first time. The organizer, Danny Hughes, of the Fell Runners Association said that the fourth World Cup in September 1988 on the Lake District fells around Keswick, will take place at a time when they were "expecting an explosion in mountain running."

PGA sponsors

The Wilson sporting goods company have announced a three-year scheme to sponsor the PGA junior championship, which is open to male and female amateur golfers under the age of 18.

IN BRIEF

Chen awarded Masters place

Tze-Chung Chen, the Taiwanese golfer who won the Los Angeles Open on Sunday, is one of 18 players among the international section invited to compete in this year's US Masters at Augusta National Golf Club, Georgia, on April 9-12 (Mitchell Platts writes).

Three former winners — Severiano Ballesteros, of Spain, Bernhard Langer, of West Germany, and the South African, Gary Player — are among the 16 professionals chosen. Garth McGimpsey and David Curry, the British amateur champions of 1985 and 1986 respectively, complete the list.

Wade's record

Britain's Kirsty Wade set new European and Commonwealth indoor records in the mile at San Diego on Sunday, finishing in 4min 26.10sec.

Stomach upset

The Apex clubs, a Western Australian charity, are claiming that Ian Botham lost an estimated donation of A$6,000 (£2,700) by cancelling a speaking engagement in Perth last Friday at short notice.

Walker's woe

Michael Walker lost his second successive tennis singles match since being called into Britain's Davis Cup squad to play Mexico next month. He went down 5-7, 3-6 to Canada's Hatem McDadi at the LTA Masters tournament at Crawley yesterday.

Profit loss

Leicestershire County Cricket club announced their 18th successive profit — but the amount, £412, was down by over £3,000 from the previous season.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SAN DIEGO: Invitational indoor meeting: Men: 60m hurdles: 1, G Foster (US), 7.47sec (equals world record). Women: Mile: 1, Kirsty Wade (GB), 4:26 10.
LINCOLN: 8.73 mile marathon: 1, H Jones (Ranelagh Harriers), 41:49 (course record); 2, P Custon (Jarrow), 43:22; 3, L Reilley (Stamford), 43:37. Women: 1, J Moody (unattached), 51:44.

BASKETBALL

First division

	P	W	L	Pts
Portsmouth	24	21	3	42
Kingston	24	21	3	42
Manchester U	24	19	5	38
BCP London	24	17	7	34
Leicester	24	16	8	32
Bracknell	24	11	13	22
Calderdale	24	10	14	20
Hemel/Watford	23	8	15	16
Birmingham	24	8	16	16
Sunderland	24	7	17	14
Solent	24	7	17	14
Bolton/Bury	23	6	17	11*
Derby	24	4	20	8

* denotes one point deducted.
Portsmouth are league champions.

NEW YORK: National Basketball Association (NBA): Philadelphia 76ers 110, LA Lakers 112 (OT); Portland Trail Blazers 124, Milwaukee Bucks 120; Chicago Bulls 102, Cleveland Cavaliers 98; Detroit Pistons 122, New York Knicks 110; Indiana Pacers 103, Sacramento Kings 101.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Celtics	40	14	.741	-
Philadelphia 76ers	31	23	.574	9
Washington Bullets	29	24	.547	10½
New York Knicks	16	38	.296	24
New Jersey Nets	13	39	.250	26

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee Bucks	35	22	.614	2½
Detroit Pistons	35	17	.673	-
Atlanta Hawks	32	20	.615	3
Indiana Pacers	27	27	.500	9
Chicago Bulls	26	25	.510	8½
Cleveland Cavaliers	21	29	.389	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas Mavericks	34	19	.642	-
Utah Jazz	30	23	.566	4
Houston Rockets	28	24	.538	5½
Denver Nuggets	23	31	.426	11½
San Antonio Spurs	19	35	.352	15½
Sacramento Kings	17	36	.321	17

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles Lakers	41	13	.759	-
Portland Trail Blazers	34	21	.618	7½
Golden State Warriors	27	29	.482	15
Seattle SuperSonics	26	28	.481	15
Phoenix Suns	22	32	.407	19
Los Angeles Clippers	9	42	.176	30½

HANDBALL

BOLZANO: Men's World Group B championships: Second round: Romania 27, France 19; Poland 34, Norway 24; USSR 27, Italy 12; W Germany 22, Switzerland 17, Denmark 23, United States 15; Bulgaria 21, Czechoslovakia 21. Consolation playoffs: Finland 32, Tunisia 23, Japan 23, Brazil 16.

BOBSLEIGH

LAKE PLACID: World Cup four-man bobsleigh: (After four runs): 1, US I (Roy/Shimer/Pladel/Herbench), 3:55.49; 2, Canada I (Haydenluck/Hall/Tyler/Gussl), 3:56.58; 3, US IV (B Horvath/R Horvath/Dickerman/Jones), 3:57.42; 4, US III (Cogar/Christy/Sandquist/Hayes), 3:57.58; 5, Britain II (De La Hunty/Edwards/Robertson/Leonce), 3:58.03.

RUGBY FIVES

Oxford Beavers v Cambridge Sparrows: (Oxford names first): Singles: K S Brown (Whitgift and St John's, capt), 15, S Pratt (Cheltenham and Fitzwilliam), 4; C Glenie (Bradfield and LMH), 15, P Broadway (Clifton and Downing, capt), 11; T Learner (Tonbridge and SEH), 15, A Pringle (Eastbourne and Trinity Hall), 5; C Blakely (Rugby and Oriel), 15, R Mathieu (Tonbridge and Pembroke), 12. Doubles: Brown and Glenie v Pratt and Pringle 11-4, 11-3; Brown and Glenie v Broadway and Mathieu, 11-5, 11-2; Learner and Blakely v Broadway and Mathieu, 11-7, 11-7; Learner and Blakeley v Pratt and Pringle, 11-3, 5-11. Result: Oxford Beavers bt Cambridge Sparrows, 142-74.
BARNES: Oxford v Cambridge: (Oxford names first). Singles: R P Hollins (Bradfield and Oriel, capt), 15, J M Tremellen (Bradfield and Caius), 9; R Middleton (Sedbergh and Lincoln), 15, A J G Morris (Merchant Taylors' and St John's), 1; P Davey (Alleyn's and St Catherine's), 8, I R H Jackson (Rugby and Trinity Hall), 15; G I D J Bierer (St Paul's and Balliol), 10, R E Whitehead (St Paul's and Queen's), 15. Doubles: Hollins and Davey v Tremellen and D G Moar (St Dunstan's and Clare), 8-15, 15-12; Hollins and Davey v Jackson and A T Cates (Clifton and Trinity), 15-11, 15-5; Middleton and M A Kelland (Whitgift and Queen's) v Jackson and Cates, 10-15, 15-10; Middleton and Kelland v Tremellen and Moar, 15-3, 14-15; Bierer and J D Thomas (St Paul's and Balliol) v Morris and J R Oscroft (St Dunstan's and Caius, capt), 7-15, 10-15; C E O Hopkins (Radley and Lincoln) and P H Constable (Stamford and Worcester) v Morris and Oscroft, 8-15, 4-15; Hopkins and Constable v Whitehead and Boulton, 5-15, 4-15; Bierer and Thomas v Whitehead and M B Boulton (St Paul's and Trinity), 15-7, 15-13. Result: Cambridge bt Oxford by 237-224 pts.

NORDIC SKIING

CANMORE: Men's World Cup 4x7.5 km biathlon relay: 1, USSR, 1hr 32min 22.90secs; 2, East Germany 1:33:57.00; 3, Finland, 1:34:22.90. British placing: 14, 1:45:44.10. World Cup standings: 1, V Medvetsev (USSR), 163 pts; 2, F-P Roetsch (EG), 161; 3, A Popov (USSR), 154. World Cup team standings: 1, East Germany, 5,473; 2, USSR, 5,262; 3, West Germany 4,887. British placing: 14, 1,724.
GLENISLA, PERTHSHIRE: Scottish Championships: Mens 8km Open: 1, Brian Muirhead (King's Own Scottish Borderers), 24.26. Womens 5km Open: 1, Alison Campbell (Tayside), 22.20. Boys Under-21 (5km): 1, M Hamilton (King's Own Scottish Borderers), 14.06. Girls Under-21 (5km): 1, P Murray (Forfar), 25.59. Youths 16 and under (5km): 1, F Govan (Montrose), 19.37. British Youth Championships: Boys 18 and under (6km): 1, N Adams (Gordonstoun), 38.03. Girls 18 and under (6km): 1, K Fayegason (Rannoch), 58.08. Boys 16 and under (5km): 1, A Rambout (Gordonstoun), 44.25. Girls 16 and under (5km): 1, C Thomas (Rannoch), 77.37. Boys 14 and under (5km): 1, S Waring (Glenisla), 19.12. Girls 14 and under (5km): 1, P Murray (Auchterteck), 23.32. Boys 12 and under (5km): 1, D Slater (Crottinban), 30.23.

HOCKEY

COURAGE KENT CUP: Semi-final: Gore Court 9, Rochester and Gillingham 2.
HAMPSHIRE CUP: Quarter-final: Old Edwardians 1, Fareham 2.
SUSSEX CUP: Semi-final: Lewes 0, East Grinstead 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League (NHL): New Jersey Devils 0, New York Islanders 7; New York Rangers 2, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; Winnipeg Jets 5, Edmonton Oilers 2; Buffalo Sabres 5, Hartford Whalers 3; Calgary Flames 2, Washington Capitals 5; Chicago Blackhawks 2, Detroit Red Wings 2; Vancouver Canucks 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 2.

JUDO

EDINBURGH: Letts Scottish Open: Light Middleweight (U-78kg): N Adolfsson (Swe), gold; M McSorley (Scot), silver; J Batten (Can), M Vallot (Bel), bronze. Middleweight (U-86kg): D White (Eng), gold; R Stevens (Eng), silver; L Alexander (Eng), L Suplis (Bel), bronze. Light Heavyweight (U-95kg): R Van de Walle (Bel), gold; L Rooke (Eng), silver; D Stewart (Eng), N Kokotaylo (Eng), bronze. Heavyweight (Over 95kg): E Gordon (Eng), gold; C Jehle (Switz), silver; H Ebert (WG), H Barneveldt (Bel), bronze.

LUGE

CALGARY: World Cup: Second day: Men (after four runs): 1, R Friedl (EG), 2:21.571; 2, N Huber (It), 2:21.585; 3, M Prock (Austria), 2:21.785. British placings: 38, M Howard, 2:22.528; 39, M Nicol, 2:27.651; 3, N Ovett, 2:28.460. World Cup standings (after six events): 1, Huber, 154pts; 2, Friedl, 116; 3, Prock, 110. Two man results (After two runs): 1, J Hoffman and J Pietzsch (EG), 1.33.554; 2, S Ilsanker and G Hackl (WG), 1.34.021; 3, T Schwab and W Staudinger (WG), 1.34.058. WOMEN: (after two runs): 1, C Schmidt (EG), 2:19.521; 2, G Kohlisch (EG) 2:20.165; 3, U Oberhofner (EG), 2:20.233. British placing: 24, A Wrexford, 2:28.412. World Cup standings (After six events): 1, Schmidt, 57pts; 2, M-L Rainer (It), 51; 3, Kohlisch, 47.

WORLD STUDENT WINTER GAMES

At Strbske Pleso, Czechoslovakia
SKIING: Men's giant slalom: 1, P Jurko (Cz), 2.11.57 (1:07.89 + 1:03.68); 2, P Popangelov (Bul), 2:12.10 (1:08.05 + 1:03.05); 3, T Delliquardi (US), 2:13.14 (1:09.09 + 1:04.05); 4, K Oshikiri (Jap), 2:13.19 (1:09.11 + 1:04.08); 5, J Grabner (Austria), 2:13.69 (1:09.67 + 1:04.02); 6, M Biras (Cz), 2:15.06 (1:10.69 + 1:04.37).
ICE SKATING: Ice dance: Compulsory figures: 1, M Usova and A Julyn (USSR), 0.6; K Beck and C Beck (Austria), 0.6; 3, S Liapina and G Sour (USSR), 1.8; 4, S Calegari and P Cymerlego (It), 2.4; 5, J Kasparkova and P Laurencik (Cz), 3.0.
ICE HOCKEY: ICE HOCKEY: (Liptovsky Mikulas): Third day: Group A: Czechoslovakia 14, Yugoslavia 0; China 8, South Korea 1; Finland 2, Japan 1; USSR 4, Canada 3.
NORDIC COMBINED: 70m ski jump: (at Strbske Pleso): 1, K Kodama (Jap), 206.1pts (80m + 83); 2, J Klimko (Cz), 205.6 (75.5 + 80); 3, H Hunger (EG), 201.9 (81.5 + 78.5).
GIANT SLALOM: (At Jasna, Czechoslovakia): Women: 1, L Milanova (Cz), 2:07.88; 2, I Valesova (Cz), 2:08.57; 3, A Leskovsek (Yugo), 2:08.95.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Adelaide: South Australia 195 and 229 (V J Marks 4/55); Western Australia 409 and 17/2. Western Australia won by 8 wkts. Hobart: Tasmania 282 and 218 (G Hughes 50; G F Lawson 4/34); New South Wales 486 for 7 dec. New South Wales won by an innings and 6 runs.
FOSTERS NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE: Northern zone: Derby 32, Rochdale 114; Manchester 112, Hull 81; Warrington 41, Sheffield 71. Midlands zone: Walsall 152, Wellingborough 54; Cradley Heath 54, Leicester 53; Peterborough 58, Nottingham 52. Southern zone: Ipswich 147, Tottenham 78; Totton 19, Hounslow 142.

CYCLING

VALENCIA: Tour of Valencia: 69-km urban circuit: Sixth and final stage: (Spanish unless stated): 1, S Kelly (Ire), 1:20.35; 2, F Hoste (Neth); 3, A Gutierrez; 4, P R Cabestany; 5, M Hermans (Neth). All same time.
CANNES: Grand Prix: 1, S Yates (GB), 3:43.7; 2, F Vichot (Fr), at 25sec; 3, G Glaus (Switz); 4, T Claveyrolat (Fr); 5, K Andersen (Den); 6, R Forest (Fr), all same time as Vichot.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham 2, QPR 1; Ipswich 3, Oxford 0; Millwall 3, Swindon 1.
BELGRADE: Under-21 friendly international: Yugoslavia 1, Italy 1.
BANGKOK: King's Cup: Third day: Indonesia 1, Thailand 1; China 2, Oman 0.
SAO PAULO: Brazilian National championship final: First leg: São Paulo 1, Guarani 1.

RUGBY

ESSEX CUP: Final: Southend 13, Woodford 12.
HAMPSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Eastleigh 10, Basingstoke 9.
MIDDLESEX CUP: Semi-final: Richmond Viking 9, Harlequins Wanderers 24.
COUNTY UNDER 21 MATCH: Berkshire 21, Dorset and Wiltshire 4.
CLUB MATCHES: Crowborough 27, Colomiers (France) 13; London Hospital 35, Royal Free Hospital 6; Old Juddians 38, Dover 0; Old Merchant Taylors' 38, Teignmouth 0; West London Inst 6, Harlequins Jaguars 38.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Merchiston Castle 40, Glasgow HS 4; Rednub GS 18, Gunnersbury 6.
INTER-UNIT: Royal Signals 10, Royal Artillery 10.

TENNIS

MIDDLESBROUGH: European Association junior triangular international: West Germany 3, Great Britain 2; Netherlands 4, Great Britain 1; West Germany 3, Netherlands 2. West Germany qualified for final in Holland on March 7.
CROYDON: LTA Satellite Circuit Masters Tournament: First round: S Botfield (Essex) bt C Allgarth (Swe), 6-4, 7-6; P Bastiansen (Den) bt H Shirato (Jap), 6-0, 6-4; A Kohlberg (US) bt E Riley (US), 6-4, 6-4; P Pech (Fr) bt D Felgate (Essex), 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; L Wahlgren (Swe) bt F Errard (Fr), 6-1, 6-2; M Woodforde (Aus) bt S Mezzadri (Switz), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; S Gerrard (Fr) bt M Christensen (Den), 6-3, 6-4; H McDadi (Can) bt M Walker (Wal), 7-5, 6-3.
BOCA RATON: women's circuit tournament: Singles: Final: S Graf (WG) bt H Sukova (Cz) 6-2, 6-3. Doubles: semi-final: S Parkhomenko and L Savchenko (USSR) bt H Mandlikova (Cz) and W Turnbull (Aus) 6-4, 6-2.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear
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Hapless head of a rabble of teachers: Roy Kinnear in the first episode of Hardwicke House (ITV, 8pm)

The school for scoundrels

● Sketchy is the word that comes to mind for Hardwicke House (ITV, 8pm), a new black comedy series set in a comprehensive school. The influence of alternative comedy, a form not distinguished for narrative skill, weighs heavily on this one-hour pilot show where the funny moments are peripheral. The writers, who have experience of teaching, were apparently inspired by classroom anecdotes. Old chestnuts, one should add, because behind the script's straining for credibility (like most alternative comedy it aims at outraging, succeeds at pandering), behind all the graffiti and the din, we encounter pretty familiar stuff: the hesitant sex lesson, the asylum run by the inmates, teenage sexpots, fascist incompetence, and so on. We're not so far from Molesworth, the Bash Street Kids and Carry On. All right, but better if it didn't try to be something more. Roy Kinnear leads the cast as the witless headmaster.

CHOICE

● Bar bores have theories about why snooker is so right for television without realizing that *any* sport looks good on television, including angling. The rule seems to be the less fit the participants, the more comfortable the viewer can feel. Bowls is even better than snooker. There are fewer balls and the players look like they wouldn't last a 100-yard-dash against Alex "Hurricane" Higgins. Top Crown (BBC2, 6.50pm), is the start of a new series.

● *Did She See..?* (BBC2, 4.35pm) looks at an American access programme, *Woman to Woman*, which is one of the few to direct itself at women, and asks its presenter what the intentions are.

Chris Petit

Peter Davalle writes: Writer Norman Moss and producer Ronald Astle would have had to resort to spectacular sabotage to prevent Trial By System (Radio 4, 8.30pm) being first-rate political theatre because their account of the 1938 Soviet show trial in which 20 top Communists were accused of anti-government plots is structured from the actual court transcripts. Had this been a work of fiction, the "confessions" of men like Nikolai Bukharin and Sergei Krestinsky would have carried Orwell's or Koestler's imprint.

Ray Sharkey as a battling paraplegic in the Ordeal of Bill Carney (Ch4, 9pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather.

7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.

8.40 **Junior Watchdog** investigates the rights of children **8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 **News** and weather **9.05 Day to Day**. Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests and studio audience, discuss a topical subject **9.45 Advice Shop**. Margo MacDonald with news for retired people thinking of moving to a smaller house.

10.00 **News** and weather **10.05 Neighbours**. (r) **10.25 Children's BBC**. Phillip Schofield with programme news, and birthday greetings **10.30 Play School**. **10.50 The Wombles**. (r)

10.55 **Five to Eleven**. Hugh Dickson with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Bazaar**. Judi Spiers with ideas for cutting the cost of living **11.35 Open Air** from Norwich. Includes news and weather at 12.00

12.20 **The Tom O'Connor Roadshow**. Variety show from Aviemore. **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25 Neighbours**. Terry and Paul find their friendship blossoming over dinner **1.50 Pigeon Street**. (r)

2.05 **Film: The Adventures of Quentin Durward** (1955) starring Robert Taylor, Kay Kendall, and Robert Morley. Swashbuckling yarn, based on the novel by Sir Walter Scott, about scheming and skulduggery in the court of Louis XI of France. Directed by Richard Thorpe.

3.50 **Count Me In**. Antony Johns tries gymnastics. (r) **4.10 The Hunter**. (r) **4.15 Jackanory**. David Suchet with part two of Emil and the Detectives **4.25 Bananaman**. (r) **4.30 The Really Wild Show**. Nature programme.

5.00 **John Craven's Newsround** **5.10 Grange Hill**. Episode 15 and Jackie flashes her engagement ring. (Ceefax) **5.35 Fax**. Viewers' questions answered by Bill Oddie, Debbie Rix, and Billy Butler.

6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus**.

7.00 **Holiday 87** introduced by Frank Bough. Anne Gregg reports on a Kenyan safari; John Carter visits Tenby; and Kathy Tayler tries a cycling holiday in the Rhone valley. (Ceefax)

7.30 **EastEnders**. Roly sniffs out something shocking for Dot to discover; and Doctor Legg has a worrying near miss. (Ceefax)

8.00 **Sorry!** Timothy becomes involved in the local theatre's production of Hamlet, and when his father disappears he begins to think the worst of his mother. (r) (Ceefax)

8.30 **Dear John**. John is being pestered by a vengeful wife bent on having her maintenance money increased. Starring Ralph Bates. (r) (Ceefax)

9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 **Film: Where Eagles Dare** (1969) starring Clint Eastwood, Richard Burton, and Mary Ure. Alistair Maclean's Second World War adventure about a group of paratroopers on a mission to spring a senior American officer being held captive in a Nazi fortress, a task made more hazardous by one of their number being a traitor. Directed by Brian G Hutton.

12.00 **Weather**.

From strip club to tv studio: two of the ordeals for Michael Elphick, seen here with Diane Keen (Linda West) in Boon (ITV, 9pm)

BBC 2

6.55 **Open University: James Hutton - Geologist**. Ends at **7.20**

9.00 **Gharbar**. Shaheen Nawab chairs a discussion on school meals and diet for children.

9.25 **Ceefax**.

9.52 **Daytime on Two**: the wool trade of the Middle Ages **10.15** Part five of Fair Ground! **10.38** How scientist try to predict the future **11.00** Roads and bridges **11.17** The story of the Spanish Armada **11.40** Wondermaths **11.57** Preparing children for the outside world.

12.18 Gary leaves home to go and live with his sister in London **12.40** Healthy eating **1.05** A newscast from a German-speaking Swiss television station **1.38** Walrus **2.00** News and weather **2.02** For four- and five-year-olds.

2.15 **Cameo**. Wildlife of the west coast of Ireland. (r)

2.25 **Songs of Praise** from the Muckle Kirk, Lerwick. (Ceefax) (r)

3.00 **News** and weather.

3.03 **Newsnight Afternoon** presented by Nick Clarke.

3.50 **News**, regional news, and weather.

4.00 **Pamela Armstrong**.

4.35 **Did She See..?** Pat Mitchell, co-producer and host of the American television show, Woman to Woman, talks about how the programme is put together.

5.05 **My Music**. A lighthearted music quiz, presented and set by Steve Race. (r)

5.30 **Tomorrow's World**. A repeat of last Thursday's programme which included an item on a wheelchair capable of going up and down stairs.

6.00 **The Citadel**. Part five of the 10-episode adaptation of A.J.Cronin's novel set in a Welsh mining town. (r)

6.50 **Top Crown**. A new series of the Invitation Pairs Crown Green Bowling Tournament from Pilkingtons Recreation Club, St Helens. (see Choice)

7.35 **One Man and His Dog**. The Scottish heat of the International Sheepdog Championship.

8.20 **Food and Drink** includes the finals of the amateur cooking competition; the recipe for lamb tikka; and an item on sherry.

9.00 **Film: Privileged** (1982) starring Robert Woolley and Diana Katis. A drama about an egocentric Oxford undergraduate who is initially spurned by his leading lady in an OUDS production. A film made by Oxford students, guided by John Schlesinger, and directed by Michael Hoffman.

10.35 **Newsnight**.

11.20 **Weather**.

11.25 **Ludwig van Beethoven**. Daniel Barenboim plays the Piano Sonata No 14, op 27, No 2 (The Moonlight Sonata)

11.45 **Open University**: Introducing Photochemistry. Ends **12.15**.

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6.15 **TV-am** introduced by Mike Morris. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.

7.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and postbag at **8.35**. **9.05** Wacaday presented by Timmy Mallett.

9.25 **Thames news headlines**.

9.30 **Schools**: urban pollution **9.50** How people use water and why it is needed **10.09** Lifting loads **10.26** Chemistry: limestone **10.48** Man's interaction with the environment **11.10** Animated graphics **11.27** The importance of cleanliness **11.44** Making faces with Ralph Steadman.

12.00 **Tickle on the Tum**. Village tales for children. (r) **12.10** Rainbow. Learning with puppets. (r) **12.30 The Sullivans**. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.

1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news** **1.30 Bulman**. Without Bulman's knowledge Lucy is recruited into the secret service and disappears. Bulman sets out to find out where she is. Starring Don Henderson and Siobhan Redmond. (r) (Oracle)

2.30 **Daytime**. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on 'do the British complain, and if so do we do it well enough?' Among the guest ar Warren Mitchell and Drew Smith.

3.00 **Cross Wits**. Crossword quiz game presented by Barry Cryer. With Leslie Crowther and Rachael Heyhoe Flint **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors**. Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.

4.00 **Button Moon**. Puppet series. **4.10 Batfink**. (r) **4.20 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe** **4.45 Splash** includes a visit to the Met Office at Bracknell; the results of the RSPB survey; and Britain's top ten garden birds.

5.15 **Connections**. Quiz game for sixth formers, presented by Sue Robbie.

5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news**.

6.30 **Busman's Holiday**. Travel quiz presented by Julian Pettifer. Among those taking part are a team of oceanographers and one of highway engineers. (Oracle)

7.00 **Emmerdale Farm**. Phil Pearce and Joe Sugden make a startling discovery at the mill.

7.30 **Reporting London** presented by Michael Barratt. A live report from Fleet Street as the latest newspaper to hit the streets, the London Daily News, goes into production. Plus, how members of the Guards' Club are trying to raise £3 million in order to fight off the developers

8.00 **Hardwicke House**. The first of a new comedy series starring Roy Kinnear as the ineffectual headmaster of a secondary comprehensive. (Oracle) (see Choice)

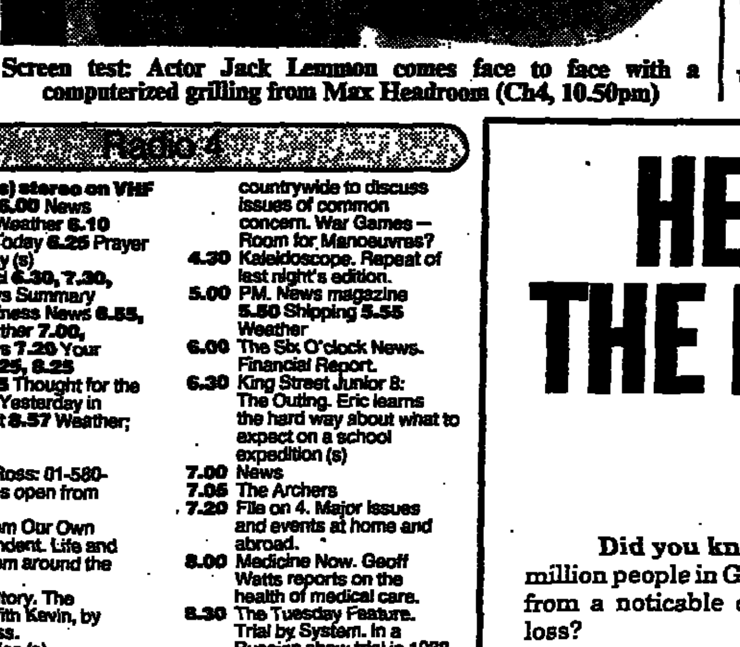
9.00 **Boon**. Harry's plans to expand the Coaching Inn leaves Ken facing eviction, but when Harry's ally on the Planning Committee looks like being framed, Ken forgets their differences and agrees to help. Starring Michael Elphick and David Daker.

10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 **Midweek Sport Special**. Snooker: quarterfinal action in the Dulux British Open; Football: highlights of a FA Cup fifth round replay.

12.30 **Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Enough Rope for Two**. A camping trip in the desert turns out to be a disaster.

12.55 **Night Thoughts**.



Screen test: Actor Jack Lemmon comes face to face with a computerized grilling from Max Headroom (Ch4, 10.50pm)

CHANNEL 4

1.45 **Their Lordships' House**. (r)

2.00 **Snooker**. Dickie Davies introduces quarterfinal action in the Dulux British Open, from the Assembly Rooms, Derby.

4.30 **Countdown**. Yesterday's winner of the words and numbers game is challenged by Jack Melville from East Kilbride.

5.00 **Bewitched**. Vintage American comedy series starrong Elizabeth Montgomery, Dick Sargent, and Agnes Moorehead.

5.30 **Superchamps**. Round five of the seven-part series of adventure sports competition. Today the young competitors battle it out on land and sea astride buggies, Argo tanks, mimi-motorbikes, and seadarts.

6.00 **Shane**. Western adventures based on the gun-slinging character immortalized by Alan Ladd. This evening Shane is pestered by an old man whose son he has killed, who wants Shane to take his son's place. Starring David Carradine, Jill Ireland, and Tom Tully.

7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen includes a report from Washington on President Reagan's Tower Inquiry into the National Security Council.

7.50 **Comment** followed by **Weather**.

8.00 **Brookside**. When Sheila hears that Ellie needs a van, she gives Pat and Terry a call; Ralph's marriage proposal is turned down by Madge; and Bobby finds papers which prove that the company knew about the asbestos before the big order was won.

8.30 **Moneyspinner**. The final programme of the personal financial advice series, presentd by Alison Mitchell from the Assembly Rooms, Derby.

9.00 **Film: The Ordeal of Bill Carney** (1981) starring Ray Sharkey and Richard Crenna. A made-for-television drama, based on fact, about a devoted father, separated from his wife, who is left a paraplegic after his spinal cord is almost severed in an accident. His troubles are compounded by his wife who begins divorce proceedings and demands custody of their sons. The man's case is fought by a lawyer who is also a paraplegic. Directed by Jerry London.

10.50 **The Max Headroom Show**. The guest is Jack Lemmon.

11.15 **Comedy Wavelength**. Comedy and music series featuring comedians and musicians new to television. Presented by Paul Merton.

11.45 **Coming Next...**Comedy show starring Chris Barrie, Gareth Hale, Carla Mendonca, and Norman Pace. (r)

12.10 **Their Lordships' House**. Ends at **12.25**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today. **6.35-7.00** Computer Challenge. **9.30-10.00** Week In Week Out. **10.00-12.30am** Film: Where Eagles Dare. **12.30-12.35** News and weather. **SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman. **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland. **8.00-8.50** Scotland 2000; Grasping the Thistle (Pt 1). **8.50-9.00** Action Replay; European Cup. **9.30-10.00** Scotland 2000; Grasping the Thistle (Pt 2). **10.00-12.30am** Film: Where Eagles Dare. **12.30-12.35** Weather. **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport. **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster. **6.35-7.00** Fax. **12.00-12.05am** News and weather. **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 **SCOTLAND: 8.20pm-9.00** Prosbaig.

ANGLIA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Getting On **1.20-1.30** News **6.00** About Anglia **6.35** Crossroads **7.00** City Sounds **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.30am** Tuesday Topic, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Lookaround **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busmans Holiday **12.30am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-7.00** News **7.30-8.00** Busmans Holiday **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Getting On **1.20** News **1.30** Country Practice **2.25-2.30** Two-Gether **5.15-5.45** Sons & Daughters **6.00** Channel Report **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busmans Holiday **12.30am** Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** This is Your Right **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00** News **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Getting On **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** Scotland Today **6.35** Crossroads **7.00** Shammy Dab **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.30am** Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Getting On **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today South West **6.25** Televiews **6.30** Tuesday View **7.00** Duty Free **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.30am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Getting On **1.20** News **1.30** Country Practice **2.25-2.30** Action! **5.15-5.45** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.25** Police 5 **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.30am** Company, closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.00-3.30** California Highway **6.00** Northern Life **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.30am** People and Places, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Lunchtime **3.30-4.00** Dining in France **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.25** Diary Dates **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.25am** News, Closedown,

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Lunchtime Live **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Country Practice **6.00** Calendar **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **11.10am** Ysgolion **11.50** Interval **11.55** Film: She's Working Her Way Through College **1.45pm** Their Lordship's House **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Snooker **4.00** Ffalabalam **4.15** Wil Cwac, Cwac **4.20** Hafoc **5.00** Bewitched* **5.30** Shane **6.30** Heinz Superchamps **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Y Filltir Sgwar **8.00** Treasure Hunt **9.00** Ar Drywydd El Dorado **9.50** Sioe Siarad **10.05** Golden Girls **10.35** Consuming Hunger **11.35** Eleventh Hour **12.35am** Closedown.

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF

News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Bruno Brookes (incl Top 40 singles) **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF

News on the hour. Headlines **5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**. Sports Desks **6.31am, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45** (mf only), **9.55** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Nicholas Parsons **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Robert Parker's A to Z of Jazz **7.30** Moira Stuart Presents the BBC Radio Orchestra **9.15** Syd Lawrence in Concert **10.00** Harvey and the Wallbangers **10.30** Town and Country Quiz **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until **6.30**) **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours: News Summary **7.30** Computer World **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Zoowalk — Berlin **8.30** Puccini and his World **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by: Look Ahead **9.45** Kings of Swing **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Jude the Obscure **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Waveguide **11.25** A Letter From Scotland (until **11.30**) **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours: News Summary **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** Outlook, opening with News Summary **2.45** Loved by the Gods **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Omnibus **4.45** The World Today **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter From Scotland (until **5.15**) **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary **8.30** Omnibus **9.00** News **9.01** A Cotswold Carpenter **9.10** Book Choice **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** A Letter From Scotland **10.30** Financial news **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Sing Gospel **11.30** Musician of Worlds: Alexander Pushkin **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Report on Religion **1.45** Country Style **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Music for the Sun King **2.30** Jude the Obscure **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Discovery **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** A Cotswold Carpenter **4.40** Book Choice **5.45** The World Today. All times GMT.

Radio 3

6.35 Open university (vhf only) 17th-century Popular art.

6.55 Weather **7.00** News

7.05 Morning Concert. Holst, arr Jacob, Nocturne for string orchestra (A Moorside Suite) (ECO under Imogen Holst); Dvorak, Overture: Othello, Op 93 (Ulster Orchestra under Handley); Purcell, Incidental music: Abdelazer, or The Moor's Revenge. (Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood); Prokoviev, In the palace; New Year's Eve ball; Happiness (Waltz Suite, Op 110) (SNO under Neeme Jarvi).

8.00 News

8.05 Morning Concert (cont). Weber, Overture: Oberon (Dresden Staatskapelle under Gustav Kuhn); Roussel, Joueurs de flûte (Susan Milan, flute, Clifford Benson, piano); Mendelssohn, Suite: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Op 61 (Cleveland Orchestra under Szell).

9.00 World Service News

9.10 This Week's Composer. Borodin: The late 1860s. Piano Quintet in C minor; Symphony No 2, in B minor; Dissonance (sung in Russian).

10.05 The Vienna Wind Soloists play Taffanel's Quintet in G minor, and Francaix's Quintet.

10.55 Saint-Saëns and Villa-Lobos. BBC Singers under John Lubbock sing Saint-Saëns's Les fleurs et les arbres; Romance du soir; Calme des nuits; Trinquons, and Villa-Lobos's Bendita Sabedoria.

11.20 Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, under Hanns Martin Schneidt, with Frank Peter Zimmermann (violin). Mozart, Violin Concerto No 3, in G (K 216); Bruckner, Symphony No 3, in D minor (includes interval reading at 11.50).

1.00 News

1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital, live from Cardiff. The Raphael Ensemble plays Mozart's Quintet in C minor (K 406), and Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence, Op 70

2.10 Guitar Encores. Istvan Romer plays Sor's Variations on a theme by Mozart, Dusan Bogdanovic's Blues and seven variations, and Walton's Five bagatelles.

2.40 Edwin Fischer, pianist and composer. Mozart, Sonata in A (K 331); Haydn, Symphony No 104, in D (London); Bach, Preludes and Fugues: in D minor (BWV 875); in F (BWV 879); in F minor (BWV 881); Schubert, Impromptu in C minor (D 899 No 1); Bach, Concerto in F minor (BWV 1059).

3.50 Milwaukee's Time of Change. Lukas Foss (music director 1981-86)conducts the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Ives, The Fourth of July; Washington's Birthday; John Downey, Trapezoids-Orange; Parallelograms-Aqua (Symphonic Modules Five); Stravinsky, Symphony of Psalms.

5.00 World Service News

5.10 Mainly for Pleaure. Brian Kay with a musical look at the sublime to the ridiculous.

6.55 News

7.00 The Ancient Art of England. Gothic Voices with a recital of sacred and secular songs from the age of the great British cathedrals.

7.30 Mirandolina, by Carlo Goldoni, translated and adapted by Roy Kift. Starring Josette Simon, David Warner, Michael Aldridge and Stratford Johns.

8.40 Donizetti: Vocal and instrumental music from the composer's early years. Northern Sinfonia under Meredith Davies with Colin Kellett (cor anglais) and Ian Caddy (bass-baritone).

9.45 Martinu. Suite Miniature; Sonata No 3. With Raphael Sommer (cello) and Daniel Adni (piano).

10.20 Stravinsky. Ballet: The Firebird (1910), played by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Edward Downes.

11.20 Vlado Perlemuter plays Chopin. Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op 44; 12 studies, Op 25.

11.57 News

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)

6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.20** Your Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel

9.00 News

9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580-4411. Lines open from 8.00am.

10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics from around the world.

10.30 Morning Story. The Trouble With Kevin, by Muriel Ross.

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; Travel; Thirty Minute Theatre. Hyacinth, by Brett Usher, based on a short story by Saki.

11.33 The Living World. Jeremy Cherfas finds out why a change in the Earth's magnetic field can confuse birds, and can be fatal for whales and dolphins.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.

12.27 My Music. Musical panel game chaired by Steve Race. With John Amis and Frank Muir v Ian Wallace and Denis Norden (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One. News

1.40 The Archers

2.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Sue MacGregor. Investigates if television intrudes into family life or strengthens it, what effects violent programmes have on children and how viewing for youngsters should be monitored. Also, the final part of The Diary of a Good Neighbour.

3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. Renaissance, by Maurice Brown. Things are not as rosy as would seem for a press officer at an engineering firm (s)

4.00 News

4.05 The Local Network. Neil Walker and David Clayton link up with BBC local radio stations countrywide to discuss issues of common concern. War Games — Room for Manoeuvres?

4.30 Kaleidoscope. Repeat of last night's edition.

5.00 PM. News magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 The Six O'clock News. Financial Report.

6.30 King Street Junior 8: The Outing. Eric learns the hard way about what to expect on a school expedition (s)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4. Major issues and events at home and abroad.

8.00 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care.

8.30 The Tuesday Feature. Trial by System. In a Russian show trial in 1938, Nikolai Bukharin and 20 other leading communists were accused of offences against the state. Bukharin had to plead guilty, but he used the trial to challenge Stalin's philosophy.

9.15 In Touch. Magazine for the visually handicapped.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes The Complete Lyrics of Lorenz Hart (Hamish Hamilton), and the film Children of a Lesser God.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime. Madame Bovary, by Gustave Flaubert (7) **10.29** Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Time and Tune (s) **11.20** Time to Move **11.40** Radio Club **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** History Long Ago (s) **2.25** Contact **2.40** Listening to Music 1: 11-13 (s) Mendelssohn's *Overture: The Hebrides (Fingal's Cave) Part 1* **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University: **11.30** Open Forum: University Magazine **11.50** Lord Briggs on History **12.10** Musical Interlude **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night Time Broadcasting. Voix de France. French VI 2, La France Des Affaires

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Wigan will fight for the right to stage Cup-tie

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The local police have told Wigan Athletic, whose stadium has a capacity of 12,250, to seek a neutral venue for their sixth-round FA Cup tie aginst Leeds United. A police spokesman said: "we feel that the ground is incapable of absorbing the number of people who will want to see the game".

Wigan will resist any attempts to take the tie away from Springfield Park. Their chairman, Bill Kenyon, reacted vehemently, saying that the third division club is prepared if necessary to stage the tie "at 2am or behind closed doors".

The club will today hold further talks with the local council and the police. The Football Association, who ordered Telford to yield home advantage in the third round because of the potential trouble which the notorious Leeds followers might cause, are also certain to be involved in the discussions.

"We are the giant-killers", Kenyon said. "We are the little 'uns who have battled through for the right to stage a quarter-final – and I don't see why we should let the hooligans force us to give up our biggest day. They have already ruined it for me and the players.

"People should have been talking to us today about Saturday's win over Hull, and about the great Saturday we have ahead of us. Instead, it has all been about hooligans, about police and about fences. We were up in the air about the draw. This has brought us crashing down to earth.

"There is nothing wrong with our ground arrangements. We have a secure wired-off area for visiting fans and they can bring their coaches into the club car parks. I don't see why there should be a problem. Our attitude is that players play, managers manage and the police should police".

Wigan's capacity was increased by the local council from 10,000 for the fifth-round tie last Saturday. The away supporters would be entitled to about 2,000 tickets, and Kenyon had already contacted Leeds to reassure himself about the arrangements.

"They said that they would ensure that all of those tickets would go to loyal, genuine fans who are known to them. We suggested that they be banned from travelling in private cars, that they come in coaches directly into the car parks. That way there should be no problem".

The FA may disagree. A spokesman said last night that "we listen to the police because they are experts in public safety". Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, warned after the third-round draw that a small league club "might find itself in a similar position to Telford".

Kenyon remains adamant. He said: "We were the first out of the bag – and we will play on a Sunday, if that is what the police want. We will play at 11 in the morning, two in the morning or even behind closed doors

Dalglish captures Spackman

By a Special Correspondent

Liverpool, who have struggled to find their best form this season, last night bought Nigel Spackman, the Chelsea midfield player, in a cloak-and-dagger £400,000 deal.

The surprise move came against a background of secrecy – although Spackman, 26, has been openly disenchanted with events at Stamford Bridge this season.

Now Kenny Dalglish, Liverpool's player-manager, has added a quality player, capable of both creating and scoring goals, to a squad which has looked unusually thin of late.

Yesterday, the club revealed that Craig Johnston, another midfielder, had suffered a recurrence of the back injury which kept him side-lined for five weeks earlier in the season.

With Johnston doubtful for Wednesday's Littlewoods Cup semi-final second leg against Southampton at Anfield, the Merseysiders have wasted no time in securing a replacement, although Dalglish denied it was a deal prompted by panic.

He said: "This is not a sudden swoop – Nigel's always played well against us and we've had him watched for some time now".

Spackman, who has been with Chelsea for four years, joined the London club from Bournemouth.

He has emerged as a highly-rated player since Chelsea's return to the first division in 1984, but has been unable to find a place at international level.

Looking out on a new venture: Jim Gregory (right), the chairman of QPR, whose ground will house a west London club

Fulham and QPR to merge

Fulham and Queen's Park Rangers are to merge and play as one team at Loftus Road next season. Marler Estates, the property company, yesterday completed a third London football club property deal when they bought Loftus Road, the home of QPR, for £5.5m. The deal will see Fulham moving from Craven Cottage.

Marler already owns the Fulham ground and also Stamford Bridge, home of first division Chelsea. Fulham's move will enable Marler, whose chairman, David Bulstrode, is also chairman of the Fulham club, to develop the Thameside ground. Mr Bulstrode said last night that only one club will play at Loftus Road next season. "It is the intention that the name of the team will reflect the merger."

He said that he had already contacted the Football League president, Philip Carter. "I advised him what was happening and will meet him shortly to discuss the mechanics of the deal. Craven Cottage will be used until the end of the season and, thereafter, we will be considering the use of it. Contracts at both clubs will be honoured. We are trying to build a team to win the championship."

Marler confirmed that the sale price of Loftus Road, agreed with the QPR chairman, Jim Gregory, was around £5.5m. A spokesman for the company said of the Fulham ground: "We could be talking about marketing something like Boat Race Towers."

Mr Bulstrode assured Fulham supporters that their team will not be swallowed up under the new deal. "The small number of fans we still have at Craven Cottage will appreciate that it is not very economical in the long run for the club to continue on its own", Mr Bulstrode said. "Of the various alternatives – ground sharing and merging elsewhere – we felt it was much better to join QPR. It is a club which is well run and has grown fantastically under the chairmanship of Jim Gregory and we can go ahead with them and create a very successful club in west London."

Charlton Athletic and Crystal Palace set the trend of ground sharing in the capital when they agreed to use jointly Selhurst Park two years ago. Last week, further merger speculation saw Wimbledon announce that they wanted to leave Plough Lane and they have already had talks with Crystal Palace.

● Marler's deals have not always been friendly. Its £4m takeover three years ago of SB Property, which owned Stamford Bridge, was unsuccessfully fought in the courts. Now it is SB Property which is handling the Loftus Road deal (Raymond Heath writes).

Earlier this month Marler found itself with a Mr Terry Ramsden, the chairman of Walsall Football Club, as a major shareholder when his Glen International investment company built its holding up to 29.9 per cent, but has promised not to mount a bid for the company.

Despite having such well-known names in its profit portfolio, Marler has not been a consistent goalscorer with its profits. In its financial year to-end March last year, the company plunged £223,000 into the red, after making profits of £648,000 in the previous year.

● Brighton are set to sign Kevan Brown, the 21-year-old defender presently on loan from Southampton, for a fee of under £10,000.

Purvis gives up US scholarship

By Roy Moor

Samantha Purvis, Britain's butterfly finalist at the Los Angeles Olympic Games three years ago, has given up her sports scholarship in the United States and returned to her home in Stockton.

"I'm glad to be back," she said yesterday . "I was so unhappy there. My swimming was not going at all well due, I think.. to the heavyweight training I was expected to do. Because of so much heavy work I was not able to give of my best in races and this depressed me. I feel a different person now that I am back with my family and friends".

It was a little over 12 months ago that Miss Purvis, now aged 19, accepted the scholarship for a four-year course in biochemistry at Louisiana State University. "Biochemistry is a subject in which I am particularly interested and my studies were going well", she said. "but when one is given a sports scholarship like mine, one feels under an obligation to swim well for the university, and this I was not doing to my satisfaction."

Miss Purvis says she feels a different person now that she is home meeting up with friends again. She will meet many more when she competes for her Stockton Aquatics this coming weekend in the Hewlett-Packard International Meet at Ipswich.

For any swimmer thinking of taking up a scholarship in the United States Miss Purvis advises they should check every detail concerning the type of training at the University, the type of coaching and particularly the events in which the coach specialises.

Training centre under threat

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

The proposed national indoor training centre in London's Docklands may be in some jeopardy.

The £6 million which was projected four years ago to convert the Olsen Shed into an indoor multi-sport training arena has increased to £9.2 million, which has been raised. But with work having to start next month to satisfy contractual arrangements, Ron Pickering, one of the driving forces behind the project, is having to clear a number of hurdles to keep the idea afloat.

The latest problem is over availabiity of the arena for training purposes, since the London Docklands Arena Trust have to make it a paying concern. Pickering said: "West Germany has 28 national indoor arenas and none of them are paying. But they understand that it's a community commodity like street lighting and sewerage.

"We are going to have to put on concerts and boxing matches to help make it pay. What we really need is a whole change of philosophy in this country, because if we can't make it work after 10 years , it will be knocked down." There is a crucial meeting of the Trust on March 1.

Birmingham City Council have also had to rethink the project for the national indoor stadium as part of the Convention Centre on the site of the old Bingley Hall.

The permanent six-lane hydraulaic track has had to be dropped, and replaced with a demountable one, which will now only be used for competition.

● After their gold medal runs in the European indoor athletics championships at Liévin at the weekend, Todd Bennett, in the 400 metres, and Yvonne Murray, in the 3,000, are added to the British team for the world indoor championshipships in Indianapolis from March 6 to 8.

Since Linford Christie has been injured, and the new British record holder, John Regis, never intended to go, Donovan Reid has been added to the 200 metres. Mark Rowland and Billy Dee go in the 3,000 metres, and Dalton Grant's 2.27 metres personal best in the high jump has also secured him a place. Paul Harmsworth is included in the 400 metres after winning a bronze medal at Liévin.

Great Britain team

MEN: 60 metres: E Bunney (Edinburgh Southern), M McFarlane (Haringey). 200 metres: D Reid (Haringey). 400 metres: T Bennett (Team Solent), P Harmsworth (Walton). 800 metres: T Morrell (Wolverhampton and Bilston). 3,000 metres: M Rowland (Phoenix), B Dee (Luton). 60 metres hurdles: C Jackson (Cardiff), N Walker (Cardiff). High jump: D Grant (Haringey).

WOMEN. 60 metres: W Hoyte (Borough of Hounslow), P Dunn (Stretford). 800 metres: J Bell (Exeter). 1,500 metres: K Wade (Blaydon). 3,000 metres: Y Murray (Edinburgh AC). 60 metres hurdles: L-A Skeet (Swindon). High jump: D Davies (Leicester). Shot: J Oakes (Croydon), M Augee (Cambridge Harriers).

Kinch to give up British athletics

Beverley Kinch has decided to leave British athletics, and change allegiance to Barbados, her birthplace (Pat Butcher writes). The decision, outlined in a letter which is on its way from her coach, Doug Wilson, to Nigel Cooper, the Secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board, follows the selectors' refusal to nominate Kinch for the world indoor championships in Indianapolis from March 6 to 8.

The British team for the championships was finalized yesterday, with the women's 60 metres places filled by Wendy Hoyte and Paula Dunn, both of whom were beaten by Kinch in the national championships a month ago.

But when Kinch dropped out of a subsequent fixture in Budapest and last weekend's European championships the selectors indicated that she was not being considered for Indianapolis because, "she appears to be injured, and this is a similar situation to Los Angeles when coach and athlete were flown there, and she subsequently proved to be injured. We are not prepared to take a chance again."

Wilson and Kinch called a Press conference last week to refute allegations of injury and of "being difficult" with selectors and officials in the past. But since winning the World Student Games 100 metres in 1983, and setting a national long jump record in the world championships in Helsinki later that year, Miss Kinch has competed only occasionally for Britain.

Wilson nominated Dave Bedford, the former world record holder and chairman of the International Athletes' Club as their spokesman yesterday. Bedford said: "Beverley no longer feels she has the support of the selectors, and sees this sort of thing happening again."

Fair Hill offers only cold comfort

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Michael Dickinson yesterday moved into a new stage of his racehorse-training career, with 21 inches of snow delaying an immediate start to work at the Fair Hill stables in the small Maryland town of Elkton.

"With all this snow, nothing is moving here," a security guard said at the Fasig-Tipton training centre.

Mrs Susan Jones, who runs the centre, said that she had planned her first organizational meeting with Dickinson yesterday but the weather forced its cancellation.

Dickinson, formerly private trainer to Robert Sangster at the multi-million Manton estate in Wiltshire, left England in a surprise move on Saturday, a day after an announcement had been made that he had settled his differences with his former employer.

A settlement had been reached on the remainder of Dickinson's five-year contract which had been terminated by Sangster on November 24.

Dickinson has now moved out of a local motel and is staying in a nearby apartment with an unlisted telephone number.

Taylor Jackson, a trainer at the centre, said: " Dickinson has not come in with any horses yet."

The complex where Dickinson is based is owned by Fasig-Tipton, a New York company who are one of the largest auctioneers of thoroughbreds in the United States.

Dickinson starts with a string of 16 horses – 14 two-year-olds and two older horses – which are divided between four American owners, including a construction company owner Albert Frassetto.

Jackson described the training base as "one of the premier centres in the country."

Dickinson is no stranger to the American way of life. Before his Manton appointment, the 37-year-old spend part of his time in California studying the training methods of the legendary Charlie Whittingham.

Hockey is a sell-out

The Royal Bank indoor club hockey championship finals at Crystal Palace on Friday have been sold out, and ticket applications from fans of some of the participating clubs have had to be returned. The cause of the surge of interest is England's success in reaching the finals of last year's World Cup at Willesden.

Stephen Baines, chief executive of the Hockey Association, said; "I do believe that for the future development of the game we have to seriously look at using larger capacity venues for these major seasonal tournaments." Players in action on Friday include Imran Sherwani, Ian Taylor and John Hurst.

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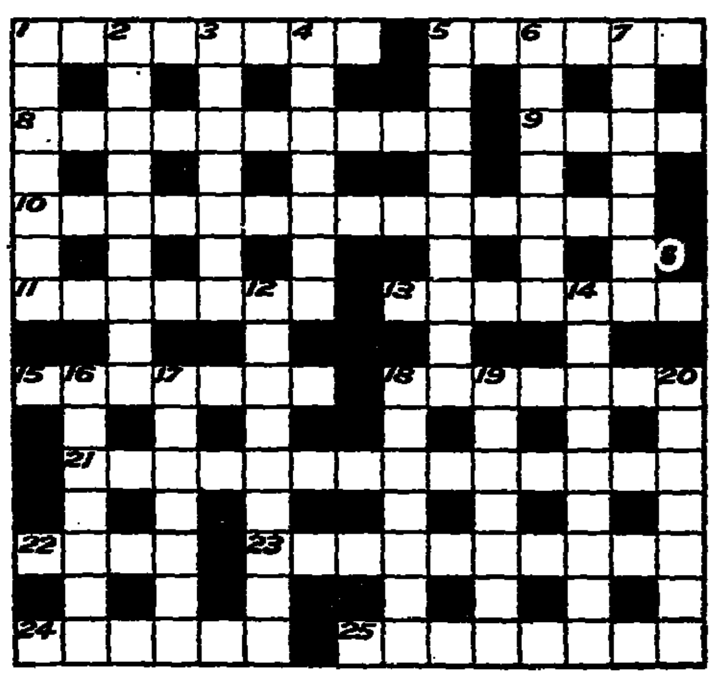

ACROSS

1 Grace has a scent (8).

5 Fish around – bird followed (6).

8 Union in a squeeze (10).

9 Safety device in a train that sets off (4).

10 Emblematic factor? (14).

11 Ruling line to differentiate any non-university study (7).

13 Conventional way with a cockroach (7).

15 Sort of square to argue it's a crime (7).

18 The Gunners dined in mess and drank up (7).

21 First perhaps a press opinion (7,7).

22 Anguiar bend (4).

23 It is thrown into service in new-style ballet perhaps (6-4).

24 Kick by boy paid off (6).

25 Girl embarrassed old king (8).

DOWN

1 Got fortified (7).

2 It's right, in financial terms (9).

3 Heroic bull-fighter in the lower right corner of America (7).

4 Unsteady, like a rag-and-bone man? (7).

5 Sort of airman in a conveyance . . . (9).

6 . . . more corpulent one in a railway engine (7).

7 As girl slept, he moved out (7).

12 Clumsy through ambidextrous (3-6).

14 The seat of punishment? (4,5).

16 Rest, in lifting about outstanding art work (7).

17 Do better, in a way, in opposition (7).

18 Bother about false gen – it's a trap (4-3).

19 A professional performer one treats differently (7).

20 Fought expected valley rising (7).

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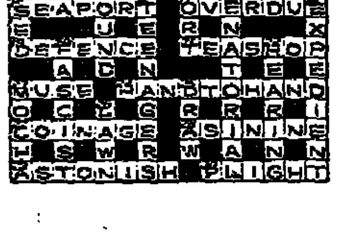
Solution to Puzzle No 17,287



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SEAPORT■OVERDUE
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DEFENCE■TEASHOP
■■A■D■N■■■T■E■E
MUSE■HANDTOHAND
O■C■L■G■R■R■R■I
COINAGE■ASININE
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ASTONISH■PLIGHT

WEATHER

General situation: Wales, SW England and Northern Ireland will have a dry day, with light rain or sleet during the evening. Northern Scotland will be rather cloudy, with some showers,but long dry spells. Central and S Scotland, N England, the Midlands, central S and SE England, and East Anglia will have a dry day, after a misty, frosty start,perhaps with some brief sunshine; generally clondy later. Temperatures below normal for late February. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Rain edging slowly NE across the country, followed by brighter weather.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	13	55	Majorca	c	10	50
Akrotiri	c	20	68	Malaga	d	11	52
Alex'dria	s	26	79	Melb'rne	s	22	72
Algiers	f	13	55	Mexico C*	s	23	73
Amst'dm	s	4	39	Miami*	c	29	84
Athens	c	16	61	Milan	s	8	46
Bahrain	s	21	70	Montreal*	s	-3	27
Barbads*	f	28	82	Moscow	sn	-3	27
Barcelna	s	8	46	Munich	sn	-1	30
Belgrade	f	5	41	Nairobi	f	27	81
Berlin	s	-1	30	Naples	f	9	48
Bermuda*	f	18	64	N Delhi	s	27	81
Biarritz	s	5	41	N York*	s	8	46
Borde'x	s	5	41	Nice	s	12	54
Brussels	sn	2	36	Oslo	s	-3	27
Budapst	s	5	41	Paris	c	4	39
B Aires*	f	29	84	Peking	s	8	46
Cairo	s	27	81	Perth	s	28	82
Cape Tn	f	23	73	Prague	s	-2	28
C'blanca	s	18	64	Reykjvik	f	3	37
Chicago*	c	3	37	Rhodes	c	18	64
Ch'church	f	23	73	Rio de J	s	29	84
Cologne	f	3	37	Riyadh	f	21	70
C'phagn	s	0	32	Rome	f	10	50
Corfu	r	11	52	Salzburg	sn	0	32
Dublin	c	5	41	S Frisco*	s	13	55
Dubrovnik	s	14	57	Santiago*	s	24	75
Faro	r	10	50	S Paulo*	c	23	73
Florence	s	11	52	Seoul	s	9	48
Frankfurt	f	2	36	Sing'por	f	30	86
Funchal	r	18	64	Strasb'rg	r	2	36
Geneva	s	5	41	Sydney	c	21	70
Gibraltar	c	12	54	Tangier	c	17	63
Helsinki	s	-7	19	Tel aviv	s	23	73
Hong K	c	20	68	Tenerife	s	23	73
Innsbrck	f	3	37	Tokyo	s	11	52
Istanbul	f	15	59	Toronto*	f	3	37
Jeddah	s	30	86	Tunis	th	11	52
Jo'burg*	s	25	77	Valencia	f	11	52
L Palmas	s	21	70	Vanc'ver*	f	6	43
Le Tquet	c	5	41	Venice	s	8	46
Lisbon	c	7	45	Vienna	f	1	34
Locarno	s	13	55	Warsaw	f	-3	27
L Angels*	f	11	52	Wash'ton*	f	8	46
Luxembg	sn	0	32	Wel'ngton	c	18	64
Madrid	c	3	37	Zurich	sn	2	36

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro					
Bridlington	0.9	.02	4	39	snow
Cromer	0.2	.02	4	39	bright
Lowestoft	3.2	.06	4	39	snow
Clacton	3.3	.01	5	41	sunny
Southend	2.5	-	4	39	bright
Margate	*	.02	5	41	sunny
Folkestone	1.3	.03	5	41	bright
Hastings	2.7	-	6	43	bright
Eastbourne	3.5	-	6	43	sunny
Brighton	3.8	-	5	41	bright
Worthing	4.4	-	6	43	sunny
Littlehmptn	5.2	-	6	43	sunny
Bognor R	5.4	-	6	43	sunny
Southsea	6.0	-	7	45	sunny
Sandown	5.9	-	5	41	sunny
Shanklin	6.5	-	6	43	sunny
Bournemth	7.8	-	7	45	sunny
Poole	5.5	-	7	45	sunny
Swanage	7.1	-	5	41	sunny
Weymouth	6.4	-	7	45	sunny
Exmouth	3.8	-	6	43	sunny
Teignmouth	4.5	-	5	41	sunny
Torquay	4.0	-	7	45	sunny
Falmouth	*				
Penzance	-	.03	7	45	shower
Scilly Isles	*	-	7	45	cloudy
Jersey	0.1	-	6	43	cloudy
Guernsey	4.2	-	9	48	bright
Newquay	1.7	-	7	45	bright
Ilfracombe	-	-	7	45	bright
Minehead	0.6	-	5	41	cloudy
B'pool Airpt	-	.03	3	37	sleet
Morecambe	-	.01	3	37	dull
Douglas	*	*	3	37	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Bristol (Ctr)	*	-	6	43	cloudy
Carlisle	0.5	-	4	39	cloudy
London	3.2	-	6	43	sunny
Manchester	-	.05	3	37	snow
N'ctl-n-Tyne	0.1	-	3	37	cloudy
Nottingham	-	-	3	37	snow
Anglesey	-	-	7	45	dull
Cardiff (Ctl)	*	-	4	39	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	*	-	7	45	cloudy
Tenby	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Aberdeen	2.0	.02	3	37	snow
Edinburgh	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	-	1	34	cloudy
Glasgow	-	.04	3	37	cloudy
Kinloss	3.2	-	3	37	cloudy
Lerwick	4.2	.03	1	34	snow
Prestwick	-	.01	4	39	dull
Stornoway	6.3	-	4	39	sunny
Tiree	0.4	-	5	41	cloudy
Wick	6.0	-	3	37	sunny
Belfast	-	-	5	41	dull

Sunday's figures.

*Figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.56	5.9	10.41	5.9
Aberdeen	9.58	3.5	10.47	3.7
Avonmouth	3.11	9.9	3.53	10.2
Belfast	7.31	2.9	8.15	3.0
Cardiff	2.56	9.3	3.38	9.6
Devonport	1.33	4.4	2.37	4.3
Dover	7.13	5.3	8.18	5.3
Falmouth	1.03	4.2	2.07	4.1
Glasgow	8.56	4.2	9.41	4.2
Harwich	7.49	3.3	8.33	3.1
Holyhead	6.55	4.6	7.42	4.7
Hull	2.22	5.9	3.05	5.9
Ilfracombe	2.02	6.9	2.51	7.1
Liverpool	7.37	7.8	8.22	7.8
Lowestoft	5.43	2.1	6.08	2.0
Margate	8.05	4.0	8.51	4.0
Milford Haven	2.20	5.4	3.08	5.5
Newquay	1.19	5.5	2.05	5.6
Oban	2.53	3.0	3.46	3.0
Penzance	12.47	4.4	1.46	4.3
Portland	2.43	1.4	3.45	1.4
Portsmouth	7.42	3.8	8.40	3.9
Shoreham	7.30	5.0	8.24	5.2
Southampton	7.18	3.8	8.17	3.9
Swansea	2.34	7.4	3.17	7.5
W'ton-on-Nze	7.47	3.5	8.33	3.3

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.39	2.27
Austria Sch	20.60	19.50
Belgium Fr	61.65	58.25
Canada $	2.128	2.028
Denmark Kr	11.06	10.46
Finland Mkk	7.42	6.92
France Fr	9.73	9.23
Germany Dm	2.94	2.78
Greece Dr	226	206
Hong Kong $	12.35	11.75
Ireland Pt	1.104	1.044
Italy Lira	2080	1970
Japan Yen	249	235
Netherlands Gld	3.31	3.13
Norway Kr	11.18	10.58
Portugal Esc	220	210
South Africa Rd	3.90	3.20
Spain Pta	204	194
Sweden Kr	10.41	9.86
Switzerland Fr	2.475	2.345
USA $	1.60	1.53
Yugoslavia Dnr	900	810

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 394.5

London: The FT index closed down 10.1 at 1556.9.

Buying The Times overseas
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B Frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 200; Cyprus 70 cents; Denmark Dkr 11.00; Finland Mkk 9.00; France F 8.00; W Germany DM 3.50; Gibraltar 60p; Greece Dr 180; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2,700; Luxembourg Lf 45; Madeira Esc 170; Malta 35c; Morocco Dir 10.00; Norway Kr 10.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 170; Singapore $9.50; Spain Pts 200; Sweden Skr 12.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 80.00; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 700

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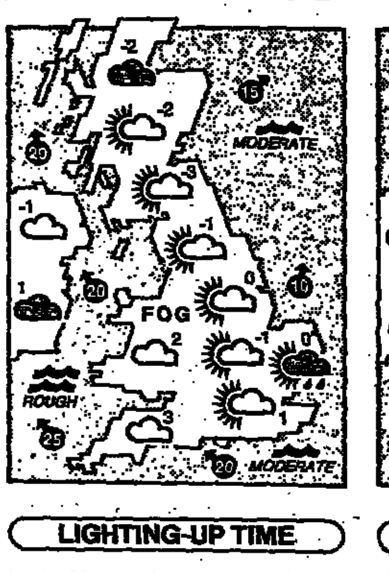

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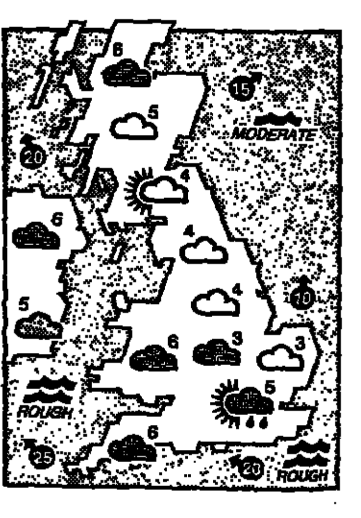


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.01 pm to 6.26 am
Bristol 6.11 pm to 6.35 am
Edinburgh 6.05 pm to 6.46 am
Manchester 6.06 pm to 6.37 am
Penzance 6.25 pm to 6.45 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 6 pm, 68 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1026.5 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

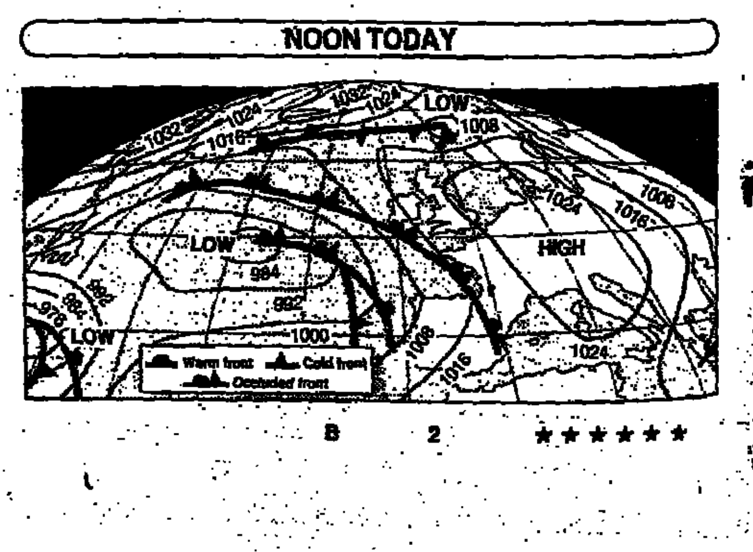
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	4	39	Guernsey	s	6	43
B'rmgham	r	3	37	Inverness	c	2	36
Blackpool	sn	1	34	Jersey	c	5	41
Bristol	c	5	41	London	c	6	43
Cardiff	c	4	39	M'chster	c	1	34
Edinburgh	c	2	36	Newcastle	c	2	36
Glasgow	c	3	37	R'nldsway	r	3	37

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 3C (37F); min 6 pm to 6 am,2C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.047in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil .

Sun rises: 6.58 am
Sun sets: 5.31 pm
Moon rises 5.35 am
Moon sets 12.18 pm
New Moon February 28

NOON TODAY



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